

**Appendix J - Master List of CLASSIFIED Citations**

**Executive Summary**

<b>TITLE OF DOCUMENT</b>	<b>APPENDIX LOCATION</b>
Email (SIPR) - CSG-9 COS to C7F COS – (U) HOTEL OPTION dtd 25 Mar 20	J-S-ES-01
Email (SIPR) - CPF to CNO and INDOPACOM - TR Recovery and Disposition Plan dtd 26 Mar 20	J-S-ES-02
Email (SIPR) - C7F - C7F COVID daily CDRs update (26 Mar) dtd 27 Mar 20	J-S-ES-03
Email (SIPR) - C7F COS to CSG-9 COS – Triage and procedure dtd 28 Mar 20	J-S-ES-04
Email (SIPR) - C7F to CPF - Evening Update and COVID 29 Mar dtd 29 Mar 20	J-S-ES-05

**Chapter 1 - Introduction**

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No Classified Citations	

**Chapter 2 – Planning and Execution of the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71) Port Visit to Da Nang, Vietnam**

<b>TITLE OF DOCUMENT</b>	<b>APPENDIX LOCATION</b>
Naval Message: USINDOPACOM, <u>Response To Novel Coronavirus EXORD</u> DTG 040649Z FEB 20	J-S-2-01
Email (SIPR) - CPF to USINDOPACOM - DECISION: Theater Posture Operations dtd 4 Mar 20	J-S-2-02

**Chapter 3 – Actions during USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Transit to and Arrival in Guam**

<b>TITLE OF DOCUMENT</b>	<b>APPENDIX LOCATION</b>
Email (SIPR) - CCSG-9 - Positive COVID-19 tests on TR (initial report) dtd 24 Mar 20	J-S-3-01
Email (SIPR) - CCSG-9 - Positive COVID-19 tests on TR (update #9) dtd 26 Mar 20	J-S-3-02
Email (SIPR) - C7F- Positive COVID-19 Tests on TR (Update #2) dtd 24 Mar 20	J-S-3-03
Email (SIPR) - CTF 75 to C7F – COVID-19 Commander's perspective 22 Mar dtd 24 Mar 20	J-S-3-04
Email (SIPR) - CSG-9 COS to C7F COS – (U) HOTEL OPTION dtd 25 Mar 20	J-S-ES-01
Email (SIPR) - CO NBG – NBG Task Force TR REVIVE dtd 26 Mar 20	J-S-3-05
Email (SIPR) - CCSG-9 to Crozier, B. CAPT, CVW-11 CAG – OUTBREAK COMMANDER'S GUIDANCE dtd 26 Mar 20	J-S-3-06
Email (SIPR) – CPF to CNO and INDOPACOM – TR Recovery and Disposition Plan dtd 26 Mar 20	J-S-ES-02
Email (SIPR) - C7F to OPNAV N3N5 – RE: (U//FOUO) FOR INFORMATION: TR Recovery and Disposition Plan dtd 26 Mar 20	J-S-3-07
Email (SIPR) - OPNAV N3/N5 - RE: (U//FOUO) FOR INFORMATION: TR Recovery and Disposition Plan dtd 24 Mar 20	J-S-3-08
Email (SIPR) - Email (SIPR) – C7F to CCSG-9 – SUBJ: 28 Mar TB- follow-up dtd 28 Mar 20	J-S-3-09
Email (SIPR) – C7F COS to CSG-9 COS – Triage and Procedure dtd 27 Mar 20	J-S-ES-03
Email (SIPR) - CNO to CPF – INFO TR recovery and disposition update 27 Mar 20 dtd 28 Mar 20	J-S-3-10

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Email - (SIPR) COS C7F to COS CSG-9 - Triage and procedure dtd 28 Mar 20	J-S-ES-03
Email (SIPR) - C7F COS – Numbers dtd 29 Mar 20	J-S-3-11
C7F TR COVID Placemat 29Mar – DRAFT	J-S-3-12
Email (SIPR) - CPF to C7F – RE C7F COVID-19 Update 29 Mar CORRECT COPY!!! dtd 29 Mar 20	J-S-3-13
Email (SIPR) - NBG CO to C7F COS - Quarantine - Social Distancing - getting to 4,000 dtd 29 Mar 20	J-S-3-14
Email (SIPR) - CPF to C7F – Evening Ops Update and COVID 29 Mar dtd 29 Mar 20	J-S-3-15

**Chapter 4 – Development of and Response to USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) Commanding Officer Letter of March 30, 2020**

<b>TITLE OF DOCUMENT</b>	<b>APPENDIX LOCATION</b>
Email (SIPR) - CSG-9 COS to C7F COS – (U) HOTEL OPTION dtd 25 Mar 20	J-S-ES-01
Email (SIPR) - TR RO to NR, CNAP RO - FW CVN 71 COVID-19 Roll Up and Way Ahead dtd 26 Mar 20	J-S-4-01
Email (SIPR) - TR CO to CNAP RO, TR RO - (C) COVID-19 Pandemic - TR request for assistance dtd 30 Mar 20	J-S-4-02
Email (SIPR) - VADM Conn to ADM Burke – “FW: (U) Updated CSG-15 CTX Brief to C3F for 17 December” dtd 13 Apr 20, CSG15 TR C2X Debrief, dtd 20 Dec 19	J-S-4-03

**Findings of Fact**

<b>TITLE OF DOCUMENT</b>	<b>APPENDIX LOCATION</b>
CPF EXORD DTG 081135Z JAN 20	J-S-F-01
CPF EXORD DTG 252242Z JAN 20	J-S-F-02
CPF OPORD 201, TAB A to APPENDIX 38 to ANNEX C(C-38-A-5)	J-S-F-03
CPF COVID 19 TR VNM PVST Decision Slide 25FEB2020-1	J-S-F-03
C7F Vietnam Port Visit Decision Slide dtd 25 Feb 20	J-S-F-04
Email (SIPR) - CPF to USINDOPACOM - DECISION: Theater Posture Operations dtd 4 Mar 20	J-S-2-02
Naval Message (SIPR): USINDOPACOM, Response To Novel Coronavirus EXORD DTG 040649Z FEB 20	J-S-2-01
Email (SIPR) - CPF BWC TR Sailors COVID Screening dtd 9 Mar 20	J-S-F-05
Email (SIPR) - C7F to OPNAV N3/N5 - RE: (U//FOUO) FOR INFO: TR Recovery and Disposition Plan dtd 27 Mar 20	J-S-3-10
Email (SIPR) - C7F to CCSG-9, C7F CoS, CSG-9 CoS - RE: Positive COVID tests on TR (Update #2) dtd 24 Mar 20 2313 (Guam time)	J-S-3-03
Email (SIPR) - C7F CoS to CSG-9 CoS, NBG CO - *** Urgent - Air Wing Fly Off? dtd 24 Mar 20	J-S-F-06
Email - (SIPR) CTF 75 to C7F - COVID-19 Commander's perspective 22 Mar dtd 24 Mar 20	J-S-3-04
Email (SIPR) - CO NBG - NBG Task Force TR REVIVE dtd 26 Mar 20	J-S-3-05
Email - (SIPR) CSG-9 COS to C7F COS - HOTEL OPTION dtd 25 Mar 20	J-S-ES-01
Email (SIPR) - CCSG-9 - Positive COVID-19 tests on TR (update #9) dtd 26 Mar 20	J-S-3-02
Email (SIPR) - CCSG-9 to Crozier, B. CAPT, CVW-11 CAG - OUTBREAK COMMANDER'S GUIDANCE dtd 26 Mar 20	J-S-3-06

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Email (SIPR) - CPF to CNO and INDOPACOM - TR Recovery and Disposition Plan dtd 26 Mar 20	J-S-ES-02
Email - (SIPR) C7F to OPNAV N3/N5 - RE: (U//FOUO) FOR INFO: TR Recovery and Disposition Plan dtd 26 Mar 20	J-S-3-07
Email (SIPR) - C7F- Positive COVID-19 Tests on TR dtd 24 Mar 20	J-S-3-03
Email (SIPR) - C7F to CCSG-9 dtd. 28 Mar 20 SUBJ: 28 Mar TB - follow-up	J-S-3-09
Email (SIPR) - CNO to CPF - FOR INFO: TR Recovery and Disposition Plan dtd 26 Mar 20, 2014	J-S-3-08
Email (SIPR) - C7F - C7F COVID daily CDRs update (26 Mar) dtd 27 Mar 20	J-S-ES-02
Email (SIPR) - CCSG-9 to C7F - POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST ON TR (update #3) dtd 25 Mar 20	J-S-F-07
Email (SIPR) - C7F COS to CSG-9 COS - Triage and Procedure dtd 27 Mar 20	J-S-ES-03
Email - (SIPR) COS C7F to COS CSG-9 - Triage and procedure dtd 28 Mar 20	J-S-ES-03
Email - (SIPR) CNO to CPF - INFO TR recovery and disposition update 27 Mar 20 dtd 28 Mar 20	J-S-3-08
Email - (SIPR) CPF to C7F - Evening Ops Update and COVID 29 Mar dtd 29 Mar 20	J-S-3-15
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Email (SIPR) - NBG CO to C7F COS - Quarantine - Social Distancing - getting to 4,000 dtd 29 Mar 20	J-S-3-14
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Email (SIPR) - CCSG-9 to C7F and C3F - POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS ON TR (initial report) dtd 24 Mar 20	J-S-3-01

<b>TITLE OF DOCUMENT</b>	<b>APPENDIX LOCATION</b>
Email (SIPR) - TR RO to SA to NR for CVN Ops - CVN 71 COVID-19 Roll Up and Way Ahead dtd 26 Mar 20; TR RO Statement dtd 18 May 20	J-S-4-01

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**From:** (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:42 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CAPT USN, CCSG9'  
**Subject:** RE: (U) HOTEL OPTION  
**Signed By:** (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil

Copy the concern but that is a big ask and we may have to stay within our resource constraints

Asking a hotel in Guam to sequester 4000 potential COVID cases does not sound like high success rate

We may have other options to work the math

Not saying no, it is on the table

VR

(b)(6)

CAPT (b)(6)  
Chief of Staff  
SEVENTH Fleet  
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Inport DSN (b)(6)  
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At Sea DSN Direct: (b)(6)  
At Sea (Commercial) Direct: (b)(6)  
At Sea (b)(1) DSN: (b)(6)  
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To: (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F <(b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil>  
Subject: (U) HOTEL OPTION

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(b)(6),

DOC and the TR CO are recommending we look a response / isolation option on a large scale. The current plan is to quarantine those personnel who were in close contact with diagnosed cases (berthings, workcenters, etc). So every time we get a new case, we (potentially) have another berthing and workcenter to quarantine while we wait for two weeks of no new cases. If this is a slow burn event, we could continue to get new cases at the 10-12 day point, isolate the new group, and reset the clock and continue to repeat the process for months.

According to the Preventative Medicine theory, the quickest way would be to house all personnel in individual isolation for two weeks. Obviously impossible on a ship, and also beyond the scale of NAVBASE Guam for an aircraft carrier. The suggestion we've received is to put nearly everyone into individual hotel rooms for the quarantine period. We'd have to hire food service as well.

I understand that the scale of this (4000 or so people) is huge and it would be expensive. The CO would like to ask the question via FLC Guam. I told him to hold off, as somebody from FLC calling the Outrigger Hotel and asking about housing 4000 people would end up on the front page of the paper and really piss off GOV Guam if he didn't know about it.

Bottom line, can we ask the question via JRM and make sure that we aren't surprising the government?

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**From:** Sawyer, Phillip G VADM USN (USA) <(b)(6)@navy.smil.mil>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:40 AM  
**To:** Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F; Merz, William VADM (ONE-Net)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
**Subject:** FW: (U//FOUO) FOR INFORMATION: TR Recovery and Disposition Plan  
**Attachments:** TR Triage and Disposition Plan.pdf; (S) C7F COVID SOM - N00\_Rev2 (002).pdf

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CNO comments FYSA.

BT

I don't understand the TR Triage plan. Specifically, the asymptomatic branches. If asymptomatic AND I batch test NEGATIVE..14d quarantine? Doe this assume you enter this process as someone who is suspect? Close contact w/ C-19+, etc?

vr/  
Phil

-----Original Message-----

From: Gilday, Michael M ADM USN CNO (USA) <(b)(6)@navy.smil.mil>  
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 To: Aquilino, John C ADM USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI (USA) (b)(6)@navy.smil.mil; Davidson, Philip S ADM USN INDOPACOM J00 (USA) <(b)(6)@pacom.smil.mil>  
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Subject: RE: (U//FOUO) FOR INFORMATION: TR Recovery and Disposition Plan

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Lung,

Understand plan is to test 100% of the crew; tracking your plan to isolate positive cases ashore while continuing quarantine measures and social distancing onboard TR .

Testing : If I have the math right, TR's remaining (b)(1) will run out this weekend, but add'l kits from (b)(1) will allow testing to continue to ooa 1-2 April (assuming arrival within days). Bio Fire C-19 testing capability not avail until ooa 5 April. So, roughly, 40% of the crew tested by mid-week.

-- OPNAV will work with CPF to get add'l C-19 test kits to Guam .... and add'l Bio Fire units as well as accelerate delivery of the C-19 module asap.

Augmentation: NR is looking at options to augment key watchstanders. MTF.

Lung, it would seem to me TR will be off the line until we get through testing and understand where we stand wrt mission readiness.

We will estb a BR here to ensure we're all synched, including IPC. (b)(6) will work an active PA plan - again, icw CPF and IPC. Importantly, a plan to keep families informed early is paramount; we'll assist as needed with that effort - and importantly, timing with any PA releases.

A/SN sked for a Pentagon presser with CMC this a.m.; I asked him to consider allowing CMC to go alone for today's USMC update until we get a plan together for TR.

Lastly, CJCS and SecDef briefed last night.

Talk later this a.m.

Be well. VR Mike

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From: Aquilino, John C ADM USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI (USA) (b)(6) @navy.smil.mil>  
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 Subject: (U//FOUO) FOR INFORMATION: TR Recovery and Disposition Plan

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CNO and ADM Davidson,

For Information only

BLUF: Per our discussion today, I am sending you the most up to date information on TR. I intend to send you an update daily at the end of the day (~1800 Hawaii time) so you will have it when you arrive at work Washington DC time. I have attached (1) TR status and recovery plan, (2) Testing triage/disposition flow, (3) draft PAG/RTQ, and (4) C7F's status of C7F forces for the next 60 days. C3F is developing a product that mirrors C7F's laydown as we look forward to keeping clean bubbles for both Fleets.

Key points:

\* 25 total positive cases as of 2200 Hawaii time (4x MEDEVAC to Guam MTF)

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\* ICU space on TR (b)(1) .

\* 200+ in ROM

\* Guam is prepared to support

\* C7F is conducting forensics to determine the source so that we might determine the scope of the problem and therefore plan and calculate our follow on response appropriately.

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V/R Lung

ADM Chris "Lung" Aquilino

Commander, US Pacific Fleet

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**From:** Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 7:08 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) LT USN, C7F; (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F; (b)(6) CAPT (C7F-COS) (ONE-NET); (b)(6) LCDR USN, C7F; (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: C7F COVID DAILY CDR'S UPDATE (26 Mar) - CORRECT COPY !!!  
**Attachments:** TR Triage and Disposition Plan rev 6.pdf

From: Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F  
 Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:08:02 AM (UTC) Coordinated Universal Time  
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 Cc: (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F; (b)(6) LCDR USN, C7F; Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F  
 Subject: FW: C7F COVID DAILY CDR'S UPDATE (26 Mar) - CORRECT COPY !!!

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Update from below report:

TR: 36

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-----Original Message-----

From: Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F  
 Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:05 PM  
 To: (b)(6) @navy.smil.mil' (b)(6) @navy.smil.mil>  
 Cc: (b)(6) @navy.smil.mil' (b)(6) @navy.smil.mil'; (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F (b)(6) @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>  
 Subject: C7F COVID DAILY CDR'S UPDATE (26 Mar) - CORRECT COPY !!!

Boss,

BLUF: COVID-19 Daily Update below.

RFI COD data pushed to your BWC, analysis in progress onboard with CNA rep as discussed.

Same report below as last night, with testing numbers added - up one, now 34 positives. Recommend not publishing the numbers beyond "Total individual positives: 33" until we know what these numbers are telling us. May not be the best reporting metric - putting thought into it. Another recently discovered wrinkle, but ironed out, need dry ice to ship

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testing kits from (b)(1), apparently no dry ice in (b)(1) until Monday - working it, will ship to Guam. Plenty of kits on hand to get well into next week. Will need more from other sources, tracking movement from SDGO.

Also, took a harder look at your team's input today on the plan of attack. Your Doc added an additional test for individuals who clear CDC criteria. We believe it's unnecessary and inconsistent with approved criteria and burns test kits with no ROI (b)(1). We have a number of days before we get to that step, so we'll get the teams together to discuss further. See red circle on attached (remove that test) and go with the black line.

VR,  
Bill

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UNITS INFECTED (1):

(1) THEODORE ROOSEVELT (b)(1) :

Numbers

- Total individual positives: 34
- Total individual negatives: 422
- 5x pers batch tests conducted: 78
- 5x pers batch tests positive: 13
- Tests kits expended: 158
- Tests kits remaining: ~800

Assessment:

- TR arrived Guam 1000 (l) – transitioned out of the (b)(1) to Region/C7F Recovery Plan controls
- C7F attack plan and flow chart attached. In execution to the extent possible onboard. 150 beds immediately available for isolation.
- Approx. 1000 segregated spaces available to support opening space aboard ship.
- Establishing overflow capacity on Japan (Atsugi and Okinawa): Isolations in Guam, Quarantines in Japan.
- CSG-9/CVN Command team in quarantine/testing. In full comms. (b)(1).
- Full plan execution commences on arrival Guam, ship will transition from (b)(1) to region.
- Ship has prioritized testing "target list" IAW attack plan.
- Crew will be methodically screen, tested and cleared via attached procedure and flow-chart.
- Plan/procedure will be evaluated in-stride by PREVMED and adjusted as necessary.

(2) No others

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CDR's Assessment/CDR's Concerns

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VADM Bill Merz, U.S. 7th Fleet  
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**From:** (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
**Sent:** Friday, March 27, 2020 10:02 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CAPT USN, CCSG9'  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
**Subject:** (S) Triage and procedur  
**Signed By:** (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil

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From flag discussions sounds like TR is not following the protocol.

RDML Baker is stating putting people in quarantine without batch test to determine if virus is present.

Please recalibrate and follow the flow chart.

If you are letting this virus get by on the way to quarantine you are defeating the fastest way to get to your fighting posture.

You can be asymptomatic and carrying.

Doc - have to get this in the box.

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VOSIP: (b)(6)  
Inport Commercial: (b)(6)  
At Sea DSN Direct: (b)(6)  
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**From:** Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 9:30 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) USN, C7F; (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F; (b)(6) CAPT (C7F-COS) (ONE-NET); (b)(6) LCDR USN, C7F; (b)(6); (b)(6)  
**Subject:** FW: Evening Ops Update and COVID 29 Mar  
**Attachments:** TR Plan - N00 rev 2.docx

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From: Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F  
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:29:42 PM (UTC) Coordinated Universal Time  
To: (b)(6)@navy.smil.mil'  
Cc: (b)(6)@navy.smil.mil'; (b)(6)@navy.smil.mil'; Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F  
Subject: Evening Ops Update and COVID 29 Mar

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BLUF: Ops Update and COVID for 29 Mar below

Change from today's CNO report:  
THR: 53 (+7)

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Operations:

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COVID:  
Previous plan attached, informed by CDR daily updates and calls. Providing full plan SEPCOR tomorrow – dynamic based on evolving actions/events but basics remain the same.

Two musts for success remain the same:  
\* Segregate to quarantine (OFF PLAN) – success requires as fast of a quarantine as possible – LIMFAC is Guam capacity – need to move asymptomatics.

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\* Testing – (b)(1) . USMC augments tomorrow. Testing allows fastest separation of positives from quarantine population. Will fly my C-40 until/if we get sample rate to 500 per day to enable the G-5.

Missed opportunity today (b)(1) . Expect swab deliveries 2 Apr and 9 Apr from DLA.

Sent 300 swabs in by R/W from (b)(1) today to keep moving.

Buying PPE from in town (Singapore and Japan) to augment orders.

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**From:** PRLH.AMHS.DMDS  
**Sent:** Friday, May 15, 2020 8:53 PM  
**To:** CPF.CATBWC  
**Subject:** RTD:(U) USINDOPACOM RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS EXORD//

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ZEN/COMSOCPAC HONOLULU HI

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COMUSFLTFORCOM NORFOLK VA  
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CCGDFOURTEEN HONOLULU HI  
COMNAVREG HAWAII PEARL HARBOR HI  
JB PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM HI  
PACMISRANFAC HAWAREA BARKING SANDS HI  
JOINT TYPHOON WRNCEN PEARL HARBOR HI  
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ZEN/HQ USPACOM HONOLULU HI  
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REF/A/MSG/SECDEF VOCO APPROVAL/20200203//

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REF/B/DOC/UNDERSECDEF FHP GUIDANCE/20200130//

REF/C/DOC/DOD DEPUTY COMPTROLLER/20200130//

REF/D/DOC/DODD 3025.14/20130226//

REF/E/DOC/CJCSI 3121.01B ENCL L0Q/20050613//

REF /F/DOC/DODD 5210.56/20161118//

REF/G/DOC/GFMIG/20190524//

REF/H/MSG/SECDEF EXORD/012240Z FEB 20/20200201//

REF/I/DOC/USINDOPACOM CONPLAN 5003-18/20160801//

REF/J/DOC/DOD GCP 3551-13/20131015/

NARR/ REF A IS SECDEF VOCO APPROVAL OF DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE (RFA) FROM DOD FOR LODGING SUPPORT ABOARD MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (NCOV) RESPONSE EFFORTS. REF B PRESCRIBES FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION GUIDANCE FOR NCOV OUTBREAK. REF C IS THE DOD COMPTROLLER COST REPORTING GUIDANCE FOR DOD RESPONSE TO THE NCOV OUTBREAK. REF D IS DOD POLICY FOR EVACUATION OF U.S CITIZENS AND DESIGNATED ALIENS FROM THREATENED AREAS ABROAD. REF E PRECRIBES THE STANDING RULES FOR THE USE OF FORCE (SRUF) FOR U.S. FORCES. REF F ESTABLISHES POLICY AND STANDARDS FOR ARMING AND THE USE OF FORCE BY DOD PERSONNEL. REF G IS THE SECDEF-APPROVED FY 2019-2020 GLOBAL FORCE MANAGEMENT IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE. REF H IS THE SECDEF EXORD THAT DIRECTING USNORTHCOM TO EXECUTE ITS PANDEMIC PLAN 3551-13 AND SUPPORTING GEOGRAPHIC COMBATANT COMMANDERS EXECUTE THEIR PANDEMIC PLANS IN RESPONSE TO THE NCOV OUTBREAK. REF I IS THE USINDOPACOM CONPLAN 5003-18 FOR PANDEMIC RESPONSE. REF J IS THE DOD GLOBAL CAMPAIGN PLAN FOR PANDEMIC INFLUENZA AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE 3551-13.//  
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GENTEXT/SITUATION/

1.A. (U) SITUATION. THE NCOV OUTBREAK CONTINUES, WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) REPORTING SEVERAL THOUSAND CASES WORLDWIDE, TO INCLUDE CASES IN THE UNITED STATES. CDC HAS PUBLISHED A WARNING TO AVOID ALL TRAVEL TO CHINA.

1.B. (U) DOD WILL FOLLOW THE REGULARLY UPDATED CDC GUIDANCE FOR THE NCOV OUTBREAK.

1.C. (U) DURING THE NCOV OUTBREAK DOD PROTECTS AND PRESERVES THE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF FORCES WORLDWIDE TO MAINTAIN MISSION ASSURANCE, AND THE ABILITY TO MEET STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES.

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1.D. (U) THE NATURE OF THE OUTBREAK AND ITS POTENTIAL TO BECOME A PANDEMIC EVENT REQUIRES DOD TO MAINTAIN A GLOBAL AREA OF INTEREST, SPECIFICALLY FOCUSED ON THOSE AREAS WHERE THERE ARE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE CURRENTLY INFECTED WITH, OR AT INCREASED RISK OF INFECTION, WITH NCOV.

1.E. (U) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) IS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT LEAD FOR PANDEMIC INFLUENZA AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE RESPONSE. HHS HAS SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE (RFA) THAT SECDEF VERBALLY APPROVED FOR DOD TO PROVIDE HOUSING ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS NEAR US AIRPORTS TO SUPPORT HHS OPERATIONS FOR NCOV RESPONSE.//

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2. (U) MISSION. IAW REF A.//

GENTEXT/EXECUTION/

3.A. (U) CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS. DEPARTMENT OF HHS IS THE SUPPORTED FEDERAL AGENCY. DOD IS A SUPPORTING AGENCY FOR HHS. USNORTHCOM, AS THE SUPPORTED COMMAND, WILL SYNCHRONIZE DOD EFFORTS WITH THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS, DEFENSE AGENCIES AND THE INTERAGENCY WITHIN THE USNORTHCOM AOR.

3.A.1 (U) PURPOSE. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE INTENT IS TO PRESERVE MILITARY CAPABILITY AND TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FROM THE NCOV.

3.A.2 (U) ENDSTATE. NO SOLDIER, SAILOR, AIRMAN OR MARINE WILL BE INFECTED WITH NCOV AND MISSION CAPABILITIES ARE PRESERVED.

3.A.3 (U) DOD MUST BE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FROM CIVIL AUTHORITIES TO ASSIST WITH RESPONSE MITIGATION ACTIVITIES WHEN DIRECTED BY SECDEF OR THE PRESIDENT.

3.B. (U) SUPPORTED COMMANDER: TJFLCC IS DESIGNATED THE SUPPORTED COMMANDER FOR PROVIDING DSCA IN THE USINDOPACOM AOR. USINDOPACOM FUNCTIONAL, SERVICE COMPONENT, AND SUB-UNIFIED COMMANDERS MAY BE TASKED BY THE TJFLCC, AS SUPPORTED COMMANDER, FOR ASSESSMENTS, FEASIBILITY OF SUPPORT REQUESTS, COORDINATION REQUIREMENTS, WORKING GROUPS, AND ATTENDANCE AT BATTLE RHYTHM EVENTS THAT FACILITATE DSCA PREPARATIONS. ANY DISPUTES OR RECLAMA MUST BE MADE TO COMMANDER, USINDOPACOM THROUGH THE USINDOPACOM J3 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS. THIS TASKORD ALSO GIVES TJFLCC AUTHORITY TO TASK COMPONENT CAPABILITIES TO SUPPORT A RAPID RESPONSE FOR DSCA OPERATIONS.

4. (U) TASKS

4.A. (U) CG USARPAC/TJFLCC.

4.A.1. (U) ACTIVATE THE TJFLCC AS THE SUPPORTED COMPONENT COMMAND FOR

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USINDOPACOM PANDEMIC RESPONSE OPERATIONS.

4.A.2. (U) ACTIVATE DCO/E- EAST.

4.A.3. (U) ACTIVATE ARMY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS LIAISON OFFICERS (EPLOS) AND ASSIGN TACON TO DCO/E- EAST FOR 24/7 SYNCHRONIZATION OF DSCA OPERATIONS.

4.A.4. (U) BPT TO CONDUCT JOINT RECEPTION, STAGING, ONWARD MOVEMENT, AND INTEGRATION OF INBOUND SUPPORTING T10 FORCES AT JBPHH OR ALTERNATE APOD, AS REQUIRED.

4.A.5. (U) CAPTURE BUDGET/REIMBURSEMENT SUPPORT FOR THE COORDINATION AND SUBMISSION OF ALL INDOPACOM COMPONENT REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS FOR MISSIONS PERFORMED IN SUPPORT OF NCOV RESPONSE.

4.A.6. (U) REPORT THE STATUS OF NCOV ACTIVITIES TO THE USINDOPACOM JOC.

4.A.7. (U) EXECUTE YOUR SUPPORTING PANDEMIC PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE NCOV OUTBREAK IN THE INDOPACOM AOR.

4.A.8. (U) COORDINATE NCOV PREPARATION AND MITIGATION EFFORTS AND IDENTIFY/COMPLEMENT FORCE HEALTH MEASURES WITHIN YOUR AOR.

4.A.9. (U) CONDUCT PRUDENT NCOV CRISIS ACTION PLANNING TO PROTECT THE FORCE TO MEET ASSIGNED MISSION REQUIREMENTS IN YOUR RESPECTIVE AOR.

4.A.10. (U) BPT TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL, UNITS, EQUIPMENT, AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY A SUPPORTED CCDR AND/OR BY A LEAD FEDERAL AGENCY AND APPROVED BY SECDEF.

4.B. (U) COMPACFLT/TJFMCC.

4.B.1. (U) ACTIVATE NAVY EPLO(S) AND ASSIGN TACON TO DCO/E- EAST FOR 24/7 SYNCHRONIZATION OF DSCA OPERATIONS.

4.B.2. (U) BPT DEPLOY A COMTHIRDFLT MARITIME COMMAND ELEMENT (MCE) IF REQUESTED.

4.B.3. (U) BPT PROVIDE JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR HICKAM (JBPHH), HAWAII AS INCIDENT SUPPORT BASE/FEDERAL STAGING AREA IF REQUESTED.

4.B.4. (U) REPORT THE STATUS OF NCOV ACTIVITIES IN YOUR RESPECTIVE AOR TO THE USINDOPACOM JOC.

4.B.5. (U) EXECUTE YOUR SUPPORTING PANDEMIC PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE NCOV OUTBREAK IN THE INDOPACOM AOR.

4.B.6. (U) COORDINATE NCOV PREPARATION AND MITIGATION EFFORTS AND IDENTIFY/COMPLEMENT FORCE HEALTH MEASURES WITHIN YOUR AOR.

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4.B.7. (U) CONDUCT PRUDENT NCOV CRISIS ACTION PLANNING TO PROTECT THE FORCE TO MEET ASSIGNED MISSION REQUIREMENTS IN YOUR RESPECTIVE AOR.

4.B.8. (U) BPT TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL, UNITS, EQUIPMENT, AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY TJFLCC.

4.B.9. (U) BPT TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR UP TO 20 PERSONNEL FOR AT LEAST 14 DAYS TO SUPPORT HHS EFFORTS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL QUARANTINE ORDERS FOR NCOV RESPONSE. VIA DCO/E-EAST, COORDINATE WITH HHS AND HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD (HING) FOR ANCILLARY SUPPORT TO HOUSING MISSION. SPECIFIC DETAILS OF THE REQUEST ARE BEING DEVELOPED BY HHS.

4.C. (U) COMPACAF/TJFACC.

4.C.1. (U) ACTIVATE AND DEPLOY EPLO(S) AND ASSIGN TACON TO DCO/E-EAST FOR 24/7 SYNCHRONIZATION OF DSCA OPERATIONS.

4.C.2. (U) BPT CONDUCT JOINT RECEPTION, STAGING, ONWARD MOVEMENT, AND INTEGRATION AT JBPHH OR ALTERNATE APOD IN COORDINATION WITH USARPAC.

4.C.3. (U) REPORT THE STATUS OF NCOV ACTIVITIES IN YOUR RESPECTIVE AOR TO THE USINDOPACOM JOC.

4.B.4. (U) EXECUTE YOUR SUPPORTING PANDEMIC PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE NCOV OUTBREAK IN THE INDOPACOM AOR.

4.C.5. (U) COORDINATE NCOV PREPARATION AND MITIGATION EFFORTS AND IDENTIFY/COMPLEMENT FORCE HEALTH MEASURES WITHIN YOUR AOR.

4.C.6. (U) CONDUCT PRUDENT NCOV CRISIS ACTION PLANNING TO PROTECT THE FORCE TO MEET ASSIGNED MISSION REQUIREMENTS IN YOUR RESPECTIVE AOR.

4.C.7. (U) BPT PROVIDE PERSONNEL, UNITS, EQUIPMENT, AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY TJFLCC.

4.D. (U) COMMARFORPAC.

4.D.1. (U) ACTIVATE AND DEPLOY USMC EPLO(S) AND ASSIGN TACON TO DCO-EAST FOR 24/7 SYNCHRONIZATION OF DSCA OPERATIONS.

4.D.2. (U) SUPPORT TJFLCC AS MARINE COMPONENT COMMAND IRT TO NCOV OPERATIONS.

4.D.3 (U) REPORT THE STATUS OF NCOV ACTIVITIES IN YOUR RESPECTIVE AOR TO THE USINDOPACOM JOC.

4.D.4 (U) EXECUTE YOUR SUPPORTING PANDEMIC PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE NCOV OUTBREAK IN THE INDOPACOM AOR.

4.D.5. (U) COORDINATE NCOV PREPARATION AND MITIGATION EFFORTS AND

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IDENTIFY/COMPLEMENT FORCE HEALTH MEASURES WITHIN YOUR AOR.

4.D.6. (U) CONDUCT PRUDENT NCOV CRISIS ACTION PLANNING TO PROTECT THE FORCE TO MEET ASSIGNED MISSION REQUIREMENTS IN YOUR RESPECTIVE AOR.

4.D.7. (U) BPT TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL, UNITS, EQUIPMENT, AND/OR OTHER SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY TJFLCC.

4.E. (U) COMSOPAC.

4.E.1 (U) BPT PROVIDE FORCES.

4.E.2. (U) BPT PROVIDE EPLO(S) TO DCO-EAST FOR 24/7 SYNCHRONIZATION OF DSCA OPERATIONS.

4.F. (U) USINDOPACOM STAFF.

4.F.1. (U) J01PA.

4.F.1.A. (U) COORDINATE DOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS MESSAGES OR THEMES WITH COMPONENTS.

4.F.1.B. (U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS (PA) GUIDANCE. INDOPACOM PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTURE REMAINS RESPONSE TO QUERY (RTQ) IN COORDINATION WITH OSD AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT. FOR QUERIES RELATED TO GUIDANCE REGARDING DOD FORCES THROUGHOUT THE AOR, RESPOND WITH OSD AND INDOPACOM-APPROVED RTQ STATEMENT. REFER ALL MEDIA QUERIES OUTSIDE OF THIS SCOPE TO OSD/PA WITH INFO TO INDOPACOM/PA.

4.F.2. (U) J1.

4.F.2.A. (U) PROVIDE PERSONNEL ACCOUNTABILITY PER PARA 7 BELOW.

4.F.3. (U) J3.

4.F.3.A. (U) COORDINATE WITH TJFLCC FOR 24/7 SYNCHRONIZATION OF RESPONSE OPERATIONS.

4.F.4. (U) J4.

4.F.4.A. (U) TO SUPPORT RESPONSE OPERATIONS.

5. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

5.A. (U) EXPECTED DURATION OF THIS OPERATION IS AS DETERMINED BY LEAD FEDERAL AGENCY (HHS).

5.B. (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON, COORDINATION WITH HHS IS THROUGH DCO/E-EAST. KEEP CDRUSINDOPACOM JOC HD/EM INFORMED. COMPONENTS AND USINDOPACOM STAFF ARE DIRECTED TO ROUTE ALL REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION (RFI) THROUGH TJFLCC.

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6. (U) TRANSPORT. IAW REF B.

6.A. (U) BPT INPUT REQUIREMENT TO JOPES.//

7. (U) REPORTING.

7.A. (U) USFK AND USFJ SUBMIT DAILY QUAD CHART UPDATES TO TJFLCC AND CC USINDOPACOM JOC HD.//

7.B. (U) ALL SERVICE COMPONENT PERSONNEL DEPARTMENTS

7.B.1.(U) SERVICE COMPONENTS WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THEIR SERVICE PERSONNEL AS LISTED IN THE UNCLASS EMAIL FROM INDOPACOM J1 STAFF UNTIL COMPLETE OR OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

7.B.2 (U) SERVICE COMPONENTS WILL PROVIDE UPDATED CONTACT STATUS TO INCLUDE NAME AND MBRS FUTURE PLANS, SPECIFICALLY IF AND WHEN THE MBR WILL BE ABLE TO LEAVE CHINA.

7.B.3. (U) UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED, SERVICE COMPONENTS WILL SEND UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION NLT 1200 (W) DAILY TO THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONAL NIPR EMAIL ACCOUNTS:

7.B.3.A. HQ USINDOPACOM JOC J1: (b)(6) (AT)PACOM.MIL (PRI)

7.B.3.B. HQ USINDOPACOM JOC DIR: (b)(6) (AT)PACOM.MIL (SEC)

7.B.3.C. HQ USINDOPACOM JOC OPS: (b)(6) (AT)PACOM.MIL (TER)

7.B.4. (U) SUBJECT LINE FOR UPDATE EMAILS WILL INCLUDE SERVICE COMPONENT (CPF, PACAF, ETC) "NCOV UPDATE AS OF DATE AND TIME"

8. (U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS. PUBLIC AFFAIRS POSTURE REGARDING DSCA ACTIVITIES IS TBD.//

GENTEXT/COMMAND AND SIGNAL/

9. (U) COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS.

9.A. (U) THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PRIMARY AGENCY FOR DOMESTIC EMERGENCIES IS HHS.

9.B. (U) COMUSINDOPACOM IS THE SUPPORTED COMBATANT COMMANDER IN ITS AOR. ALL OTHER COMBATANT COMMANDS ARE SUPPORTING.

9.C. (U) USARPAC/TJFLCC IS THE SUPPORTED COMPONENT COMMANDER IN INDOPACOM AOR

9.D. (U) USARPAC/TJFLCC IS THE SUPPORTED COMPONENT COMMANDER. ALL OTHER COMPONENTS ARE SUPPORTING. ALL OTHER COMPONENTS ARE

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SUPPORTING.//

9.E. (U) USINDOPACOM WILL CONTINUE TO ASSESS THE DEVELOPING NCOV SITUATION AND THE POTENTIAL FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL SUPPORT TO TJFLCC CURRENT AND FUTURE OPERATIONS.

10. (U) POINTS OF CONTACT.

10.A. (U) USINDOPACOM JOC DIR: COMM: (b)(6), DSN (b)(6), E-MAIL (UNCLAS): (b)(6) (AT)PACOM.MIL, (b)(6) (AT)PACOM.MIL SIPR: (b)(6) (AT)PACOM.SMIL.MIL.

10.B. (U) J33 HD POCS: MAJ (b)(6) AND LTC (b)(6), JOC HD/EM OPS OFFICERS, COMM: (b)(6), DSN (b)(6), E-MAIL (UNCLAS): (b)(6) (AT)PACOM.MIL, SIPR: (b)(6) (AT)PACOM.SMIL.MIL.//

10.C. (U) HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD (HING) JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER (JOC) WATCH DESK, COMM: (b)(6), EMAIL: (b)(6) (AT)HAWAII.GOV.

10.D. (U) HHS LNO TO INDOPACOM: CAPT (b)(6), USPHS, (b)(6) (AT)PACOM.MIL, COMM: (b)(6), DSN (b)(6).

10.E. (U) USINDOPACOM J1 POC (UNCLASS) (b)(6) (AT)PACOM.MIL, COMM (b)(6), DSN (b)(6). GENTEXT/AUTHENTICATION/ (b)(6), CAPT, USN, INDOPACOM J33/ (b)(6) // AKNLDG/YES/INDOPACOM JOC DIR//

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===== DISSEMINATION RESULTS =====

\*\*\* PROFILES \*\*\*

- COMNAV\_PROFILES, COMNAV\_SYS, DIS: CNB\_ALL\_MSGS
- COMNAV\_PROFILES, COMNAV\_SYS, DIS: CNB\_ALL\_MSGS\_1
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: DB\_CPF\_ALL
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: N4142\_INFO
- NAVSTA\_PROFILES, NAVSTA\_SYS, DIS: NST\_ALL\_MSGS
- THIRDFLT\_PROFILES, THIRDFLT\_SYS, DIS: C3F\_SHOTGUN
- THIRDFLT\_PROFILES, THIRDFLT\_SYS, DIS: DB\_THIRDFLT\_ALL
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: N6\_INFO\_PART1
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: N6\_INFO\_PART2
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: N62\_INFO\_PART2\_1
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: N4\_DUTY
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: N52\_INFO
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: N5\_INFO
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: CPF\_ALL\_ACTION
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: N62\_INFO\_PART2
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: N31SR\_INFO
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: N3WX\_OPERATIONS
- CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: AMERICA

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NAVSTA\_PROFILES, NAVSTA\_SYS, DIS: NST\_ALL\_MSGS\_1  
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CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: N8\_INFO  
CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: CPF\_ALL\_ACTION\_CDO  
CPF\_PROFILES\_LIBRARY, CPF\_SYS, DIS: N6CDO\_INFO  
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**From:** Davidson, Philip S ADM USN INDOPACOM J00 (USA)  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:16:46 PM (UTC) Coordinated Universal Time  
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CNO and ADM Davidson,

For Information only (as of 1800 Hawaii time/2400 DC time 27 Mar)

BLUF: I am including the information below as part of my daily update on the status of PACFLT's recovery efforts on TR and the outlook across CPF Forces. I have included the delta since yesterday's report in the parentheses. Although the delta is partially proportional to the magnitude of increased testing, I will use it to illustrate the growth (or decay) of the COVID problem set for each set of forces.

- TR Recovery:
  - 38 positive cases (+4)
    - 0 hospitalizations
    - (b)(1)
    - (b)(1)
  - 433 individual negatives (+11)
  - 10% crew tested
  - We are continuing to evaluate the testing kit supply and diagnostic capability. We have identified increased diagnostic capability through the Brian D. Allgood Hospital and nearby diagnostic laboratory. I should have a full understanding of the true daily testing capacity within the next 24-48 hours in order to best estimate the completion of 100% crew testing.
  - The C-40 with medical supplies (lab analyzer calibration kit and extra swabs) and personnel (Lab Officer and Preventative Medicine Officer) arrived in Guam. Need (b)(1) and operating at full capacity.
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ADM Chris "Lung" Aquilino  
Commander, US Pacific Fleet

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**Subject:** RE: (S) POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS ON TR (initial report)  
**Signed By:** (b)(6)@NAVY.SMIL.MIL

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**Sent:** Monday, March 23, 2020 9:10 PM  
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**Subject:** (S) POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS ON TR (initial report)

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VADM Merz, VADM Conn,

BLUF: THEODORE ROOSEVELT had two Sailors test positive for COVID-19 after presenting to medical with ILI. Naval OPREP3 Navy Blue has been released.

The two Sailors are a (b)(6) from (b)(1) and a (b)(6) from (b)(1). Both Sailors had been ashore in DaNang, but neither stayed at the (b)(1) nor were they members of the group of 39 Sailors quarantined. The Sailors reported to medical last night with fever, cough, congestion, chills, headache and body aches, triggering testing. The Sailors are currently isolated in medical and are completing contact screening history. TR has been at sea continuously since departing DaNang 09 March.

The following is our intent moving forward:

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1. (b)(1)
2. Conduct batch testing of Sailors in the same berthing and work centers (approx. 200). (b)(1)
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4. Continue to employ all defensive CDC protocols as possible on the CVN.
5. Coordinate a future port visit pier side in Guam to support isolation of Sailors that were in close contact (berthing barge).

More to follow as we determine: the source, COD flights between Vietnam and present, capability and capacity in Guam, operational impact, CODEP with BLANCO, CVW proficiency, internal messaging.

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:45 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: (S)-POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS ON TR (update#9)  
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Admiral,

Update on numbers FYSA.

We batch tested the 195 Sailors that were in close contact with patient #3 (from reactor department) and 4 batches tested positive so individual test were done on those 20. 4 came back positive plus 2 that were originally negative now have symptoms so 6/195 in close contact are or are presumed positive. Plus 2 additional Sailors ((b)(1)) reported to sick call with symptoms and have tested or are presumed positive due to close contact.

BL: 8 new cases tonight raising the total to 33. We will bring them to the hospital tomorrow when we get pier side and move to isolation IAW protocol.

V/r,  
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Admiral,

Per your RFI the plan for my CSG, CVW, and CDS command staffs is:

We will take 1/2 of each of the staffs and send them for batch testing and quarantine. The remaining third will continue operations and will be tested as additional kits become available.

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I will have the TFCC / Flag Area cornered off from traffic so that we can decontaminate it and the rest of the staff can fall in on it post-quarantine. We can keep the flag command spaces isolated without great difficulty, so a secondary command site should not be necessary.

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From: Baker, Stuart P RDML USN, CCSG-9  
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Admiral,

As of 1300L today (26MAR) we have added 2 more positive cases for a new total of 25. Intent is to medevac today.

Two new patients:

- (b)(6), was close contact but previously batch tested negative, now with fever/symptoms.
- (b)(6), positive symptoms and positive COVID-19 test

We have 2 issues we are considering

1. We will run out of isolation space ashore in Guam
2. We will have to run the reactor plant with operators that may be infected initially.

Our intent moving forward:

- MEDEVAC and isolate positive cases (currently 25) until individual rooms fill up and then we will isolate positive cases in groups as required.
- Once pier side and facilities and services are established we will quarantine larger groups based on close contact/operational requirements (currently 750) until that space is used up. Rest will be quarantined on the CVN. This allows room to maneuver spaces to form a "clean" space to include the CPO mess for "clean" messing.
- Test and isolate ashore an initial batch of critical reactor supervisors (20) to get a clean group.
- As Sailors are deemed "clean", roughly 14 days and two negative tests we will move them back aboard a "clean" space and quarantine others.

I imagine this process will take some time and we will never become a completely "clean" ship as we try to minimize contact. The goal is to minimize the risk to our Sailors, get operational again, stay with in Medevac range until the decision is made to head to San Diego; accepting some risk where we are not within medevac range. We need to flatten the curve before we can execute that though.

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Admiral,

Quick update on numbers this morning: 23 positive cases and approximately  
 750 close contacts, expect that to grow.

Going into morning update meeting. MTF.

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From: Baker, Stuart P RDML USN, CCSG-9  
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Admiral,

Copy and WILCO. Only thing to add is demographics: (we'll get a running spread sheet going to make tracking easier)

- Nav: (b)(6), navigation department with symptoms (sore throat, fever)
- (b)(6) with symptoms (he was the 4th that was included in the medevac today)
- (b)(6) no symptoms
- (b)(6) no symptoms
- (b)(6), no symptoms

We are currently tracking 3 more positives (would raise us to 11 total positive cases) from the second batch of 3 (3/15) and are currently running the last batch of 3. Should have demographics and a better sense of what our total "close contact" number is by morning.

V/r,  
 Studa

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Team tells me we're IP challenged due to weather - let's wave off the 2000 TB synch and synch in the am. Willing to try if you have more to add.

Who were the other 4 positives? Nav and who else? Is Nav otherwise in good health?

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CoS provided an update:

- Tacking protocols, MEDEVAC press, and air wing plan (to remain onboard).

Staff is coordinating an evening TB synch.

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Bill**SECRET**

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I understood we were continuing with batch testing to segregate populations, before burning kits on individuals. Not the case?

Was/is there urgency to MEDEVAC? Trying to get a sense of where the demarcation is between recover in place vs. hospital care - getting in the mode of resource balancing if this goes big.

What's your view of the best course for the air wing? (b)(1)

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Need to plan soon.

VR,  
Bill

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Admiral,

We still have 3 confirmed cases that we are flying off today. Some initial push back from Anderson with the CoD flying in there so we have transitioned to a helo flying direct to the hospital with the 3 pax. (which actually works out better for the small number)

Last night of the 39 batch tests we ran on the Sailors (192 total) in close contact with the first 2 infected Sailors we had 9 positive groups meaning 1-5 people per group were positive = 9-45 of the 192 are positive (4.7-23.4% incidence). This afternoon we will get the results from the 45 possible as well as 5 additional folks that live with victim #3 (our reactor victim). Tonight we'll batch test 198 folks in the reactor department that have been in close contact with said victim #3.

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If mission dictates we will get underway and execute but until then my priority will be to take care of our people.

With regard to the reactor department we have executed the actions below:

Short Term:

Intent is to contain the virus and maintain sufficient watch standers to safely operate the RX plant.

- Suspended all under instruction watches to minimize the close contact
- Suspended training until further notice; Deep field day in the Rx Training Classroom will occur in the morning (and twice daily for the foreseeable future) so we can have that as a "clean" holding area if needed
- Spray bottles with the bleach solution and rags at every watch station in the plant so that commonly touched surfaces can be cleaned prior to/after watch relief
- Verbal screening of oncoming watch standers for symptoms; any one with symptoms goes straight to medical
- Only essential maintenance is being conducted to limit additional personnel in the plant
- They will be given the FCPO Mess to eat their meals and wear masks when transiting through the ship

Long Term:

Pier side Guam, intent is to shut down (b)(1), and reduce the number of watch standers to the minimum necessary to operate (b)(1), and

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- Based on results of the next couple days of batch testing, we will move those critical watch standers to 'clean' berthing to minimize their exposure.
- Utilize off ship berthing as necessary to isolate 'close contact' Sailors
- Maintenance would continue to meet all scheduled requirements

We continue to work with your staff on lodging ashore (hotel, base barracks, base gym with cots) for Sailors we must isolate and quarantine.

V/r,  
Studa

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(+ C7F others)

Thanks, Studa - good thoughts.

A few more (need feedback on the last two):

- (b)(1)

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Subject: RE: (S) POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS ON TR (update#2)

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Admiral,

For information only.

As discussed in our VTC sir:

- We did not send samples to (b)(1).
- A third Sailor tested positive for COVID-19 tonight, E4 male from reactor (RP division) department.

Due to the number of Sailors in close contact growing we will start doing batch testing in sample sizes of 5. If the test comes back positive we will

test all 5 in that batch.

Near term actions remain the same as we intend to pull into Guam on Friday.

Long term issues we continue to work through:

- At what point does the CVN become the quarantine vessel? In my opinion, at some point the number of close contact cases becomes so large that the CVN becomes the quarantine vessel. Breaking the Sailors into three groups. One, those that test positive for COVID-19 (they go in isolation). Two, those that have symptoms but have not tested positive (quarantine on the barge). Three, those who have no symptoms and have not tested positive but have been in close contact, which at some point could be everyone else (quarantine on CVN).
- SMO is working with your team of experts on when do we get to the desired end state (COVID-19 free) and what metrics are required to have a given level of confidence to claim that.
- CVN CO (Chopper) is working short and long term impacts on reactor plant team, reactor maintenance, training, upcoming MTT and ORSE impacts. Of note

going pier side in Guam allows us to (b)(1)

Lastly we will downgrade to (b)(1)

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Then tomorrow morning around 0800 we will relax to normal operations and allow the crew to reach out to their families.

V/r,  
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Admirals,

+ Warfare Commanders, SMO

Today TR will complete the scheduled RAS. Upon completion of the RAS we will close to (b)(1)

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- We will MEDEVAC the two infected Sailors to Guam tomorrow via COD.

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- Based on recommendations of C7F Medical, TR Medical and Preventive Medicine experts in theater, we will conduct individual testing of personnel in the two Sailors' berthing and work centers (approximately 200 sailors). Doing this in order to get a possible scope of the spread based on that testing.
- Half of the tests will be sent to (b)(1) on a helo this afternoon to load share and increase throughput. Anticipate it will take 24 hours for all results to be finalized.
- A Preventive Medicine Officer and Prev Med Tech will be joining us from (b)(1) for an undetermined period of time.
- If the initial batch testing indicates widespread infection, we will screen and batch test Reactor Department. If the initial batch testing does not indicate widespread infection, we will screen Reactor Department personnel, but not batch test.
- We would like to work to get TR pier side in Guam as early as Friday. This would allow us to quarantine personnel in the original two Sailors' berthing's and work centers, as well as other personnel for whom quarantine or isolation is indicated. We will execute initial quarantine procedures out here today.
- To that end, we need the following support from NAVBASE GUAM:
  - Either a hotel, berthing barge (250 folks), barracks (90 folks), or tents (450 folks) to quarantine and isolate infected personnel. The initial number is approximately 200, mixed male and female. I assess this number is likely to grow as we identify additional cases or close contacts.
  - Worst case TR will prepare and deliver meals to the quarantined and isolated personnel, possibly contract services out.
- Our intent with TR pier side will be to establish and maintain a physical separation between TR personnel and Guam personnel. No face-to-face interaction with anyone not of ship's force. Prevention of spreading infection from TR to Guam will be a priority.

Upon review we have received 16 folks onboard since we left Vietnam via the (b)(1). They arrived 11,12,13 and 14 March. Small numbers and all were screened prior to arrival so we do not expect this is

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the cause. None were (b)(1) Sailors, which are the 2 positive cases identified so far.

- Our PA policy will be passive and we will refer queries to the PACFLT PAO.

Once given permission to lift (b)(1) we will make a 1MC announcement to the crew and send a note to Ombudsman before lifting (b)(1) for the crew.

Standing by for questions and our VTC at 1800.

V/r,  
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Subject: (S) POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS ON TR (initial report)

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VADM Merz, VADM Conn,

BLUF: THEODORE ROOSEVELT had two Sailors test positive for COVID-19 after presenting to medical with ILI. Naval OPREP3 Navy Blue has been released.

The two Sailors are a (b)(1) and a (b)(1)

. Both Sailors had been ashore in DaNang, but neither stayed at the (b)(1) nor were they members of the group of 39 Sailors quarantined.

The Sailors reported to medical last night with fever, cough, congestion, chills, headache and body aches, triggering testing. The Sailors are currently isolated in medical and are completing contact screening history. TR has been at sea continuously since departing DaNang 09 March.

The following is our intent moving forward:

1. Finish normal operations today (RAS) and then transit to get within COD

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range of Guam.

2. Conduct batch testing of Sailors in the same berthing and work centers (approx. 200). As well as the COD det and critical departments (reactor).
3. MEDEVAC the 2 infected Sailors via COD to Guam tomorrow (25MAR) for further medical assistance.
4. Continue to employ all defensive CDC protocols as possible on the CVN.
5. Coordinate a future port visit pier side in Guam to support isolation of Sailors that were in close contact (berthing barge).

More to follow as we determine: the source, COD flights between Vietnam and present, capability and capacity in Guam, operational impact, CODEP with BLANCO, CVW proficiency, internal messaging.

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Thanks, Studa - good thoughts.

A few more (need feedback on the last two):

- (b)(1)

Talk tomorrow. Nice job on the photo-ex today...

VR,

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Bill

VADM Bill Merz, U.S. 7th Fleet

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Admiral,

For information only.

As discussed in our VTC sir:

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- A third Sailor tested positive for COVID-19 tonight, E4 male from reactor (RP division) department.

Due to the number of Sailors in close contact growing we will start doing batch testing in sample sizes of 5. If the test comes back positive we will test all 5 in that batch.

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Long term issues we continue to work through:

- At what point does the CVN become the quarantine vessel? In my opinion, at

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some point the number of close contact cases becomes so large that the CVN becomes the quarantine vessel. Breaking the Sailors into three groups. One, those that test positive for COVID-19 (they go in isolation). Two, those that have symptoms but have not tested positive (quarantine on the barge). Three, those who have no symptoms and have not tested positive but have been in close contact, which at some point could be everyone else (quarantine on CVN).

- SMO is working with your team of experts on when do we get to the desired end state (COVID-19 free) and what metrics are required to have a given level of confidence to claim that.

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[Redacted] Then tomorrow morning around 0800 we will relax to normal operations and allow the crew to reach out to their families.

V/r,  
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- We will MEDEVAC the two infected Sailors to Guam tomorrow via COD.
- Based on recommendations of C7F Medical, TR Medical and Preventive Medicine experts in theater, we will conduct individual testing of personnel in the two Sailors' berthing and work centers (approximately 200 sailors). Doing this in order to get a possible scope of the spread based on that testing.

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- Anticipate it will take 24 hours for all results to be finalized.

- A Preventive Medicine Officer and Prev Med Tech will be joining us from (b)(1) for an undetermined period of time.

- If the initial batch testing indicates widespread infection, we will screen and batch test Reactor Department. If the initial batch testing does not indicate widespread infection, we will screen Reactor Department personnel, but not batch test.

- We would like to work to get TR pier side in Guam as early as Friday. This would allow us to quarantine personnel in the original two Sailors' berthing's and work centers, as well as other personnel for whom quarantine or isolation is indicated. We will execute initial quarantine procedures out here today.

- To that end, we need the following support from NAVBASE GUAM:

--Either a hotel, berthing barge (250 folks), barracks (90 folks), or tents (450 folks) to quarantine and isolate infected personnel. The initial number is approximately 200, mixed male and female. I assess this number is likely to grow as we identify additional cases or close contacts.

--Worst case TR will prepare and deliver meals to the quarantined and isolated personnel, possibly contract services out.

- Our intent with TR pier side will be to establish and maintain a physical separation between TR personnel and Guam personnel. No face-to-face interaction with anyone not of ship's force. Prevention of spreading infection from TR to Guam will be a priority.

Upon review we have received 16 folks onboard since we left Vietnam via the COD det from the Philippines. They arrived 11,12,13 and 14 March. Small numbers and all were screened prior to arrival so we do not expect this is the cause. (b)(1), which are the 2 positive cases identified so far.

- Our PA policy will be passive and we will refer queries to the PACFLT PAO.

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Once given permission (b)(1) we will make a 1MC announcement to the crew and send a note to Ombudsman (b)(1).

Standing by for questions and our VTC at 1800.

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VADM Merz, VADM Conn,

BLUF: THEODORE ROOSEVELT had two Sailors test positive for COVID-19 after presenting to medical with ILI. Naval OPREP3 Navy Blue has been released.

The two Sailors are a (b)(1) and a (b)(1). Both Sailors had been ashore in DaNang, but neither stayed at the (b)(1) nor were they members of the group of 39 Sailors quarantined. The Sailors reported to medical last night with fever, cough, congestion, chills, headache and body aches, triggering testing. The Sailors are currently isolated in medical and are completing contact screening history. TR has been at sea continuously since departing DaNang 09 March.

The following is our intent moving forward:

1. (b)(1)
2. Conduct batch testing of Sailors in the same berthing and work centers (approx. 200). As well as the COD det and critical departments (reactor).
3. MEDEVAC the 2 infected Sailors via COD to Guam tomorrow (25MAR) for further medical assistance.
4. Continue to employ all defensive CDC protocols as possible on the CVN.
5. Coordinate a future port visit pier side in Guam to support isolation of Sailors that were in close contact (berthing barge).

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More to follow as we determine: the source, COD flights between Vietnam and present, capability and capacity in Guam, operational impact, (b)(1) [REDACTED], CVW proficiency, internal messaging.

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COM,

I'm writing this response w/ assumption you are focused on Guam for TR - if wrong, please holler and I will adjust fire.

In Guam I can provide tents w/ cots, lighting and air conditioning for over 400 pax here, but for that large a number the tents would require grouping people into groups of between 10 to 15 pax per tent to house that many, and would require contract support for porta-johns, showers, laundry, and refueling of generators/ACs. Additionally, other than cots, the tents would essentially be empty (pax or ship would need to provide linens and personal supplies) and we would need most medical capability/supplies from MTF or other (I only have 1 MO and 4 IDCs within all my forces/units here on Guam - would need some help for a large number of Sailors).

Recommendation - if you only need to house a small number of Sailors pierside, then we can set up a few tents and keep numbers inside the tents small. However, if you are looking to house several dozens or a hundred or more, before using expeditionary tents I would recommend utilizing NavBaseGuam berthing barge or unused buildings w/ cots (gyms, etc.) w/ "dedicated bus corridors" to move personnel between pier and those temp lodging areas, since those buildings may afford more compartmentalization and usually already have heads, showers, and utilities (power and A/C). Once (b)(6) is out of practical installation buildings, I would then look to expeditionary tents for overflow if you have a large number...

Standing by for additional questions or concerns...

Easy day and Very Respectfully,

**(b)(6)**

CAPT (b)(6)  
Commander, Task Force 75

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(b)(6),

What's your view of tent support if I need sequestered pier-side capability?  
Berthing, medical, etc.?

VR,  
Bill

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Aye sir, in receipt and WILCO.

Easy day and Very Respectfully,

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Commanders,

Thank you for your tremendous leadership in the face of an enemy we didn't see coming. There is no end in sight and you will be more challenged over time to execute your mission while keeping your teams safe. We're in this together and we will see it through together. Persistence is key.

The Fleet is still basically "clean", although (b)(1) Tested negative, but will remain in isolation until symptoms clear +72 hrs.

SITREP:

The more we learn about the nature of COVID-19 the more the chore grows. Progress is being made regarding the nature, origins, and vectors of the

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virus, and the bio-med community continues to grind through the analysis. So far, the slow incubation (14-days) and asymptomatic mules - still not validated, but potentially carrying the virus unawares for up to 40 days - makes containment difficult and eradication nearly impossible, absent a medical solution. Also, to date, there is no consensus on whether or not immunity is built once contracted...in other words, you may be able to get it again and again, and there is also no consensus on whether it's seasonal.

**NEXT STEPS**

Accordingly, explains why cascading symptom-based guidance continues to escalate in response to limited success in fighting this thing. Regardless, guidance continues to flow and now includes State, Defense, COCOM and Fleets. Today, the C7F TASKORD was updated and released, summarizing all guidance to date. A heavy lift, you'll see it's a heavy document - and should keep your COVID working groups occupied for a few hours.

Not included in the TASKORD is the implications of today's Department of State authorization for overseas dependents to return to the U.S. if circumstances warrant - very broadly defined and could apply to most everyone - with paid travel plus a limited period of per-diem. Likely a one-way trip. I've asked Rex to coordinate with your CoS's to discuss the implications of this option and to "bound the problem set." We'll forge a path from there.

You'll notice upfront in today's TASKORD the unambiguous statement that this is a military operation, and force protection is the priority, so I'm seeking solutions to keep the fleet clean, healthy, and sustainable. That said, my other task to (b)(6) today (still haven't found his limits, by the way, but COVID may...) (b)(1)

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I would also ask that you task your teams for positive, creative inputs on managing this new operating posture over time, and provide feedback to the C7F MOC COVID working group. Lean towards a simple model to add to, vice a complex model that tries to account for all contingencies - i.e. protect your freedom of maneuver. Always contact me directly as needed.

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(b)(1) To date, 7th Fleet has shown tremendous resiliency and the MOC right-brain continues to execute. Our mission amidst the challenge, I intend to stay on it within the bounds of protecting the Fleet as discussed above.

(b)(1) - Play Hard!

VR,  
Bill

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**Attachments:** TF REVIVE DAY 1 Scheme of Maeuver - Isolation Mvmt.pdf

Team,

As we make the final preps for tomorrow I wanted to provide a brief snapshot of our plan of execution tomorrow, at least I see it.

As discussed in different forums, the following priorities have been established in support of the TR arrival and initial movements from the ship.

1. Safe mooring (b)(1), hook up all shore service --> NBG personnel will exit outside of the Force Health Protection Boundary (FHPB) that have been established as a line of demarcation. (See attached graphic)

2. TR Medical Team/Leadership will depart the ship when NBG personnel are clear of the wharf outside of the FHPB.

a. 2 large tents with tables and chairs have been set up inside the FHPB. LOGREQ Cell phones, a Radio with 2 batteries and a charger, and several sets of rental cars keys will be left on the table.

NOTE: We will have approximately 150 BEDS (30 NGIS Homes with 5 PAX in each) ready for immediate isolation room assignment. These home are 2 BDRM homes with 1 - 1/2 bath. They are fully equipped with all amenities including Washer/Dryer and Wi-Fi. There are 2 or 3 beds in each home and we will place 2

cots inside. Worst case 1 person sleeps on a couch. I had NAVHOSP PHEO inspect and he reports this is a satisfactory arrangement for isolation. We needed to take this approach in order to create the capacity needed for the task ahead.

b. . Under the control of the TR Medical Team we will begin transport of all "positive" personnel and the 20 designated reactor department sailors to the isolation rooms.

c. When ready to transit the first 10 personnel for isolation, the TR Medical

Team will contact "BUS 1" for pick up. When called, the (b)(1) driver will enter inside the FHPB and report to the medical tent so that the first 10 personnel can be loaded into the back/bed of the vehicle.

- Once loaded, the personnel will be transported to their isolated house

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assignment.

- A TR Team member will follow in one of the rental vehicles that was left on the wharf to the isolation house assigned.
- The "BUS" will take 10 PAX (which will fill 2 houses) to the designated locations as pre-assigned by NBG for that BUS.
- Upon arrival at the assigned house(s) the person assigned to drive the TR chase vehicle will exit the vehicle and assist opening the rear gate on the back of the vehicle so that isolation passengers can safely exit.
- The door to each house will be left ajar with the keys inside for rapid/easy entering.

NOTE: NBG recommends TR Medical designate each 5 pax entering the (b)(1) vehicle as GROUP 1 and GROUP 2. The groups correspond to a single house assignment. NBG will provide the house number by BUS # and GROUP # for accurate personnel accounting via email.

NOTE: The drivers of the (b)(1) vehicle will not exit the vehicle to prevent any interaction with the isolated personnel.

- When both GROUPS are dropped off the (b)(1) vehicle will lead the TR Chase vehicle back to KILO Pier.
- d. For the next 10 pax the same procedure will be followed using "BUS 2", "BUS 3" and so forth.

3. Begin to deliver other services to the pier.

- We already have most if not all of the rental vehicles on station.
- In addition to the 2 large tents that NEX set up, the other tents, chairs and tables that were requested in the LOGREQ have been staged on the pier ready for set-up.
- A CLEAN drop off area has been established at the far western edge of (b)(1) [REDACTED]. This area will allow supply trucks to drop off items for later pick-up by TR personnel such that personal interaction are avoided.
- Other services will be provided during scheduled delivery times.
- If at any time NBG personnel (military, government civilians or contractors) are required to enter inside the FHPB, all TR personnel will be required to return to the ship.

Day 2

1. Begin transport of quarantine individuals. I will provide separate procedure for this. However, in general, TR Rental Vans will be utilized to transport personnel to the Quarantine Location. NBG security forces will escort the Rental Vans convoy to the Quarantine site.
- For your planning purposes the Charles King Fitness Center and the Santa Rita Complex are FULLY ready for Quarantine Operations.

Other notes:

- Food Service for up to 350 per day is FULLY READY. Delivery of up to 350 more is on track to be ready by tomorrow afternoon.
- Pier WiFi may be ready tomorrow but definitely no later than Saturday.
- The attached graphic establishes the FHPB. The area inside the FHPB is for

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TR personnel exclusively when NBG Personnel are not required to enter this area.

- NBG Security Forces will man the (b)(1) which is outside the FHPB.

If desired TR personnel can establish security patrol inside the FHPB.

- TR rental vehicle (which shall be conspicuously marked) will be authorized

(b)(1)

to avoid any interaction.

Standing by for questions.

CAPT (b)(6)  
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(b)(6),  
 Below is the commander's guidance RDML Baker just pushed. This is our prioritization of groups to get through the quarantine process and generate underway capability. (b)(1)

It does not/not mean that those are the only options we are looking at. I don't want to give the impression we have one foot out the door mentally- we don't. The long game is that in 4-6 weeks we are healthy enough to resume normal ops and finish strong.

Wanted you to know where our heads were on how we will prioritize quarantine and roll groups through.

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Below is commander's guidance on the way forward commencing upon our arrival in Guam.

1. Movement of all COVID positive Sailors to isolation quarters. This will be an ongoing task.
2. Prior to arrival, identify key groups that we need, (b)(1) [redacted] :  
- (b)(1) [redacted]

The fractions are an estimate, over to you to determine the right numbers and other groups that need to be immediately cleared. The intent is to immediately batch test and quarantine these personnel so that in two weeks (plus), we could get TR underway with the ability to MEDEVAC anyone requiring critical care. If we remain in Guam, then the remainder of Reactor personnel will go into quarantine after the initial group clears.

3. The [redacted] will go immediately into isolation, following testing.
4. If additional quarantine racks remain after we send the personnel in para 2, we prioritize personnel by function and roll them in.
5. While the first groups are in quarantine we identify berthing spaces for their return and clean / disinfect those berthing spaces. We may end up sailing with a partition between the "clean" crew who have completed quarantine and the remainder who have not. That partition must include berthing, messing, transit to work spaces, and the work spaces themselves.

End state: In 2-3 weeks we have sufficient personnel (post-quarantine) to get the ship underway to (b)(1) [redacted], or to steam to San Diego if it becomes apparent that this outbreak cannot be cleared pier side in Guam. In the meanwhile, we take care of ill Sailors and deep clean the ship.

I want to be able to start moving personnel to quarantine as soon as messing arrangements can be finalized.

V/r,  
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Bruce - Please work through C7F not directly with the ship. (b)(6) (C7F Surgeon) is the POC, and also cc'd. Coordination to date has been great, (b)(1). Expect to be up and running by mid-week as each element of the kill chain falls into place.

(b)(1)

Thanks to all for the tremendous support.

VR,  
Bill

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No restriction on comms from here (other than coordinating reporting of positive numbers)

Have your team jump in - RDML Baker is on this note

V/R Lung

ADM Chris "LUNG" Aquillino  
 Commander, US Pacific Fleet

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Yes Sir, (b)(1) .  
 Understand the need for tight control of comms but it would be very helpful if a small group of my subject matter experts were cleared to work directly with (b)(6) and the medical team aboard TR for coordination.

V/r, Bruce

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Docs,

Thanks to both of you and the entire medical support organization as we work our way through this.

(b)(1)

Please let me know what you see as the next item/sets of items preventing C7F/TR from maximum testing on the fastest pace we can generate.

I would like to identify the potential long poles (b)(1) and push them to C7F/TR.

Appreciate the great work here but more to do - faster

V/R Lung

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Yes Sir, our lab experts and med-log folks have this for action.

V/r, Bruce

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Lung, regarding the add'l equipment flown from San Diego yesterday, confirm the (b)(1)

Bruce, we need options for add'l testing equipment for TR.

Thanks, VR Mike

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CNO and ADM Davidson,

For Information only (as of 1800 Hawaii time/2400 DC time 27 Mar)

BLUF: I am including the information below as part of my daily update on the status of PACFLT's recovery efforts on TR and the outlook across CPF Forces. I have included the delta since yesterday's report in the parentheses. Although the delta is partially proportional to the magnitude of increased testing, I will use it to illustrate the growth (or decay) of the COVID problem set for each set of forces.

· TR Recovery:

o 38 positive cases (+4)

§ 0 hospitalizations

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o 433 individual negatives (+11)

o 10% crew tested

o We are continuing to evaluate the testing kit supply and diagnostic capability. We have identified increased diagnostic capability through the Brian D. Allgood Hospital and nearby diagnostic laboratory. I should have a full understanding of the true daily testing capacity within the next 24-48 hours in order to best estimate the completion of 100% crew testing.

o The C-40 with medical supplies (lab analyzer calibration kit and extra swabs) and personnel (Lab Officer and Preventative Medicine Officer) arrived in Guam. Need (b)(1) and operating at full capacity.

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V/R Lung

ADM Chris "Lung" Aquilino

Commander, US Pacific Fleet

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CNO comments FYSA.

BT

I don't understand the TR Triage plan. Specifically, the asymptomatic branches. If asymptomatic AND I batch test NEGATIVE..14d quarantine? Doe this assume you enter this process as someone who is suspect? Close contact w/ C-19+, etc?

vr/  
Phil

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Lung,

Understand plan is to test 100% of the crew; tracking your plan to isolate positive cases ashore while continuing quarantine measures and social distancing onboard TR .

Testing : If I have the math right, TR's remaining (b)(1) will run out this weekend, but add'l kits from (b)(1) will allow testing to continue to ooa 1-2 April (assuming arrival within days). Bio Fire C-19 testing capability not avail until ooa 5 April. So, roughly, 40% of the crew tested by mid-week.

-- OPNAV will work with CPF to get add'l C-19 test kits to Guam .... and add'l Bio Fire units as well as accelerate delivery of the C-19 module asap.

Augmentation: NR is looking at options to augment key watchstanders. MTF.

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We will estb a BR here to ensure we're all synched, including IPC. (b)(6) will work an active PA plan - again, icw CPF and IPC. Importantly, a plan to keep families informed early is paramount; we'll assist as needed with that effort - and importantly, timing with any PA releases.

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**Subject:** 28 Mar TB - follow-up

Studa,

Following up on our TB regarding Quarantine and Isolation.

I may have missed a nuance, but as I reflect on our conversation, I believe what I now heard was that you are sending folks to ROM without the initial test. If true, and as of now, no credit for those folks. Stack people up as you see fit ahead of step 1 (batch test), but until we collectively agree on a procedure change, everyone runs the Flow Chart (min 2x tests to freedom). It's the approved procedure and informs not only your challenge, but the larger lessons on how to deal with this thing. Open to input, but has to be evaluated and agreed to based upon Med/PREVMED OQE and prudence.

I did end our conversation with: this will end with a clean, tested crew and airwing, achieving first the minimum acceptable number of watchstanders and airmen, getting back to sea, and then improving daily from there.

Feedback welcome.

VR,  
Bill

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How many + (A:25), How many Medevac (A:25);....I'll forward the email from CNO...once he sends it.

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Initial priority for testing was based on COVID protocols - close contacts: berthing, relationships, division, etc. That starts breaking down fast when it spreads quickly/simultaneously. For initial TR cases, 3 near-simultaneously positives, no social contact, didn't know each other, couldn't be further apart on the ship. So, back to the top, growing number of growing circles with nothing in common. At that point, it's basically out of control and it is now time to shift focus to your vital organs, which is where we are on TR. From the Attack Plan, priorities are:

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Just a framework that will be adjusted in-stride. (b)(1)

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All personnel are handled the same via the Flow Chart - can't be any other way. It's all over the ship. Tested, quarantined, re-tested. But, we can prioritize the order, and we are. (b)(1) [redacted]

(b)(1) [redacted], reported in Lung's report. (b)(1) [redacted]

(b)(1) [redacted]

Great news on CNO's push - standing up and cheering out loud as I type this...

Good dialogue, keep it coming.

VR,  
Bill

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Copy. So how are you determining who will be batched tested that is asymptomatic (assuming limited supplies) ? Close-contact, key watchstanders, Command team?

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For testing supplies: Forward deployed ships are CNO's #1 priority. The BioFire C-19 panel was emergency approved...SG going directly to manufacturer to get it shipped forward (he's coordinating with CPF/NAVEUR SGs). CNO maybe calling the CEO this morning.

Re TR - which I agree is the brightest shiny object right now but may not be tomorrow: 1)Contacted both NR and CNP to be ready for additional push of people. (b)(1)

Placemat is excellent. (b)(1)

Lung and I discussed his intent to make Guam a bubble. (b)(1)

I'll review some more when I get back from my OPS brief.

r/  
Phil

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Rgr, Phil - good question,

It takes some time for the virus to "grow", and there is some level of false outcomes, so quarantine until second test because it may not have presented on the first test. For example, we just had symptoms develop on a TR kid after he tested negative. Depends largely on the timing of being initially infected vs. first test.

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Recommend more Echelon I focus down-range. Need a major push on testing supplies. 100% testing is desired but likely not possible without that push - we will hit practical limits. As TR erupts, every Echelon will quickly be focusing on and stumbling over that one ship, we need to divide and conquer.

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Hoping my shift to the COVID SOM further reduces the cross-section (SOM placemat that was attached to Lung's report, and explained below). (b)(1)

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SOM explanation that goes with the placemat below, if interested. Welcome any thoughts:

Thanks and VR,  
Bill

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C7F COVID SOM Summary

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CNO comments FYSA.

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Lung,

Understand plan is to test 100% of the crew; tracking your plan to isolate positive cases ashore while continuing quarantine measures and social distancing onboard TR .

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-- OPNAV will work with CPF to get add'l C-19 test kits to Guam .... and add'l Bio Fire units as well as accelerate delivery of the C-19 module asap.

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Sir  
Initial numbers we have been working to:

Sampling:

\* 4389 crew remain to be sampled

\* Sample rate S/F = 120/day max, and will decline (expect TR medical team to become sick)

37 days to sample the crew

\* Sample rate with USMC augments - objective is 250 per day 250/day

18 days to sample the crew

\* Daily flights = 19 days to get all results

\* (b)(1)

Quarantine:

\* 1000 ship MEP go to Guam - this capacity will fill and complete quarantine before the (b)(1)

\* Current numbers remaining to go to quarantine with Guam filled = 3489

\* (b)(1) = 50 days to get to quarantine

(b)(1)

\* More flights - cut time

\* Can get to about 32 days with (b)(1)

BL: Can get to one month target, minus friction of isolations vs quarantine as they develop

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**From:** Aquilino, John C ADM USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI (USA) **(b)(6)** @navy.smil.mil>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:41 AM  
**To:** Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F  
**Cc:** **(b)(6)** CAPT USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI (USA); **(b)(6)** CAPT USN, C7F; Whitesell, Kenneth R RADM USN COMPACFLT N01 (USA); **(b)(6)** CAPT USN COMPACFLT N01H (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: ~~(S)~~ C7F COVID-19 Update 29 Mar CORRECT COPY!!!  
**Signed By:** **(b)(6)** @navy.smil.mil

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Copy all,

No personnel should be lifted from Guam until I see and approve any such plan.

**(b)(1)**

My Doc will work the swab push to you.

Standing by for any additional requests.

V/R Lung

ADM Chris "LUNG" Aquilino  
Commander, US Pacific Fleet

-----Original Message-----

From: Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F **(b)(6)** @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>  
 Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:31 PM  
 To: Aquilino, John C ADM USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI (USA) **(b)(6)** @navy.smil.mil>  
 Cc: **(b)(6)** CAPT USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI (USA) **(b)(6)** @navy.smil.mil>; **(b)(6)** CAPT USN, C7F **(b)(6)** @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>; Whitesell, Kenneth R RADM USN COMPACFLT N01 (USA) **(b)(6)** @navy.smil.mil>; Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F **(b)(6)** @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>  
 Subject: ~~(S)~~ C7F COVID-19 Update 29 Mar CORRECT COPY!!!

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BLUF: COVID-19 Daily Update : 29 Mar below.

- **(b)(1)** Working through set-up to receive.~~SECRET//NOFORN~~

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Number of Positive Cases (b)(1)

THR: 46 (+8)

(b)(1)

Updates on Existing Cases:

NSTR

(b)(1) Number of Cases:

THR: 46 (+8)

(b)(1)

Operational Impacts:

-(b)(1)

(b)(1)

Commander's Comments: See Below

VR,  
Bill

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(b)(1)

(1) THEODORE ROOSEVELT (b)(1) Placemat attached

Numbers

- Total individual positives: 46
- % crew tested: 11% (+2%)
- % crew cleared: 0% (require quarantine/isolation to complete)
- % TR minimum manning cleared: 0%
- % Air Wing cleared: 0%
- Tests kits expended: 194
- Tests kits remaining: 1001

Assessment:

-(b)(1)  
, batch surveillance and quarantine movement continues.

- (b)(1)
- Tracking similar deliveries of PPE - gloves, masks, eyewear over next few days.
- Viral media - dry ice, cold boxes, in parallel. (b)(1)

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-(b)(1) [Redacted]

- All parts tracking for testing production start within 1-2 days.

(b)(1) [Redacted]

(b)(1) [Redacted]

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CDR's Assessment/CDR's Concerns

-(b)(1) [Redacted]

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**From:** (b)(6)@fe.navy.smil.mil  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:23 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
**Subject:** RE: Quarantine - Social Distancing - getting to 4000  
**Signed By:** (b)(6)@fe.navy.smil.mil

**(b)(6)**

Roger all...unless they get some social distancing the curve will not flatten which means a lot in isolation. The only other path is to better isolate and/or test.

I will work to better isolate - more focus on small groups in rooms than large quarantine areas. I discussed this with (b)(6) tonight and I am going to shift Apra Palms Houses from ISOLATION to QUARANTINE for his mission critical people. There is some risk in this but probably worth it at this point.

I am also going to push hard to open up more barracks room. I get 128 on Tuesday which I may be able to make 200 or so. And I am looking at trying to move some more people to open up another 32 bed barracks building. But this is chump change for them.

**(b)(6)**

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**From:** (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
 [mailto:(b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 6:55 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CAPT USN NBG <(b)(6)@fe.navy.smil.mil>  
**Subject:** FW: Quarantine - Social Distancing - getting to 4000

TR turned it down, we'll continue to push PACFLT for egress from island.  
 Thanks for thinking.

VR

**(b)(6)**

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From: (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 6:44 AM  
To: (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil' <(b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil>  
Subject: RE: Quarantine - Social Distancing - getting to 4000

(b)(6)  
Follow up. We are not in control of quarantine overflow decisions.

CPF is most worried about 'optics' on quarantine - to include off island - we are concerned about getting people into quarantine but are not getting anywhere.

My boss is inclined to have you run with this but there is a big chance of wasted effort if we are not allowed to do it.

Also anything that does not separate the crew is not really an advance forward.

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(b)(6)

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Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 4:05 AM  
To: (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil' (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil>  
Subject: RE: Quarantine - Social Distancing - getting to 4000

Roger and thanks

Let me get back to you today - like the idea and appreciate the lean forward.

I will have to run this up on the optics side.

VR

(b)(6)

CAPT (b)(6)  
Chief of Staff  
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From: (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil  
 [mailto:(b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil]  
 Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 3:49 AM  
 To: (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F (b)(6) @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>  
 Subject: Quarantine - Social Distancing - getting to 4000

(b)(6),

A quick offline with you....

4000 pax quarantine is definitely a challenge and trying to take it off island will be an astronomical muscle movement.

I think we need to look at some other more reasonable but less "Sexy" lodging plans to provide more social distancing, better segregation to weed out the positives and allow the ship to start sanitizing cleared spaces for the return. For instance:

1. (b)(1) is large, it already has large QOL canopies that are or can be enclosed for weather protection - build a tent city on the wharf, have the sailors bring their mattresses out (which will help kill the virus and allow berthing to be sanitized), provide some large fans and let them camp out.
2. There are (b)(1) at the top of the hill near (b)(1). I am not how many of them are empty but they are covered with a lot of square footage for laydown. Fans, portable air conditioners and other solutions may be available for some comfort. The hard part here is showers but I bet we could rig something up for male population. Porta-Pottys for heads.
3. I can have (b)(1) start building their tent cities --- about 400 pax - in the area by the (b)(1) also.

NOTE: Weather conditions here are mild comparatively so an outside sleeping is not as bad as normal.

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4. (b)(1) is inport conducting maintenance and they are not a "CLEAN SHIP". Although I do not know how many people they can take I assume they can handle a good amount if we consider some in the cargo hold areas.
5. (b)(1) is also at anchor just across from (b)(1). Although she is "CLEAN" there is opportunity there also.
6. And I could probably come up with a few more like camping tent city at (b)(1) .....

Bottom line: I do not know if we can get to 4000 but we can decrease the required number if we have to transfer especially if we get the 1000 tests/day running to help in our quarantine/isolation strategy.

On another note: (b)(1)

CAPT (b)(6)  
CO, NBG

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**From:** Aquilino, John C ADM USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI (USA) (b)(6) @navy.smil.mil>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 29, 2020 4:50 PM  
**To:** Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CAPT USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI (USA); Whitesell, Kenneth R  
 RADM USN COMPACFLT N01 (USA); (b)(6) @ccsg9.navy.smil.mil  
**Subject:** RE: (S) Evening Ops Update and COVID 29 Mar  
**Attachments:** TR Plan - N00 rev 2.docx  
**Signed By:** (b)(6) @navy.smil.mil

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Billy,

\* I see an issue with you getting correct information and pushing to me  
(b)(1) This needs to be fixed today.

\* (b)(1)

\* (b)(1)

\* Do NOT have the time to miss opportunities anymore. Swab deliveries on 2 Apr is too late - what do you need to accelerate?

\* Standing by for your detailed plan based on expected testing capacity. The attached is NOT a plan. I understand the situation is dynamic. Your TR plan must lay out how you intend to test the entire crew, isolate, how you will segregate, who goes off the boat, who you propose fly away, how you isolate on the ship, how you cycle between the ship and shore, where we can generate additional capacity to isolate on Guam, how long this entire process will take, plan if someone pops positive after we are done, specific testing priorities (reactor, navigation, COD,.....), numbers off the ship, numbers on the ship, .....

I'm going to need some specifics here vice sweeping generalities. If I can understand it, I can keep the heat off you and help. If I don't (and I don't right now), it's NOT a plan.

How do we know if we are on or off plan?

\* (b)(1)

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V/R Lung

ADM Chris "LUNG" Aquillino  
Commander, US Pacific Fleet

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From: Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F <(b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil>

Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 3:30 AM

To: Aquilino, John C ADM USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI (USA)

(b)(6)@navy.smil.mil>

Cc: (b)(6) CAPT USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI (USA)

<(b)(6)@navy.smil.mil>; Whitesell, Kenneth R RADM USN COMPACFLT N01

(USA) <(b)(6)@navy.smil.mil>; Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F

(b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil>

Subject: Evening Ops Update and COVID 29 Mar

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COM,

BLUF: Ops Update and COVID for 29 Mar below

Change from today's CNO report:

THR: 53 (+7)

(b)(1)

Operations:

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(b)(1)

COVID:

Previous plan attached, informed by CDR daily updates and calls. Providing full plan SEPCOR tomorrow - dynamic based on evolving actions/events but basics remain the same.

Two musts for success remain the same:

\* Segregate to quarantine (OFF PLAN) - success requires as fast of a quarantine as possible - LIMFAC is Guam capacity - need to move asymptomatics.

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\* Testing - (b)(1) . USMC augments tomorrow. Testing allows fastest separation of positives from quarantine population. Will fly my C-40 until/if we get sample rate to 500 per day to enable the G-5.

(b)(1) Expect swab deliveries 2 Apr and 9 Apr from DLA.

Sent 300 swabs in by R/W from (b)(1) today to keep moving.

Buying PPE from [redacted] to augment orders.

\*(b)(1)

VR,  
Bill

VADM Bill Merz, U.S. 7th Fleet  
Primary (also forwards to secondary):

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Security Director, U.S. Pacific Fleet  
Declassified on: 21 Aug 2020**(b)(6)**

**From:** **(b)(6)** CDR USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt  
<**(b)(6)**@cvn71.navy.smil.mil>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2020 7:49 PM  
**To:** **(b)(6)** LCDR USN DCNO N2N6 (USA)  
**Subject:** FW: CVN 71 COVID-19 Roll Up and Way Ahead

**(b)(6)**

Forwarding this as well.

Very respectfully,  
RO

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**From:** **(b)(6)** CDR USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2020 8:47 AM  
**To:** **(b)(6)**@navy.smil.mil'  
**Subject:** FW: CVN 71 COVID-19 Roll Up and Way Ahead

**(b)(6)**

This is the email I sent the TYCOM N9 and to NR's "Line Locker" rep. Normally I do not communicate directly with NR personnel, but it was specifically requested that I send this email to him as well as TYCOM N9.

Very respectfully,  
RO

CAPT **(b)(6)**  
Reactor Officer  
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71)  
NIPR: **(b)(6)**@cvn71.navy.mil  
POTS: **(b)(6)**

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**From:** **(b)(6)** CDR USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:40 AM  
**To:** **(b)(6)** CAPT USN COMNAVAIRPAC SAN CA (USA); **(b)(6)** CAPT USN NNPP (USA)  
**Subject:** CVN 71 COVID-19 Roll Up and Way Ahead

Sir,  
BLUF: There have been a total of 25 confirmed or presumed positive cases of COVID-19 onboard THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Of these 25, **(b)(1)**

**(b)(6)** As of this evening (26 Mar, 1900 local), 23 of the total 25 cases have been MEDEVACed off to Guam to begin off-ship care in isolation. The ship is working to limit the spread of the infection while continuing to operate the plant safely.

Background:

A **(b)(6)** in Reactor Dept reported to medical on 24 Mar with influenza-like symptoms. He tested positive for COVID-19 (along with 2 other Sailors from CVW-11). Following the ship's protocol at the time, all Sailors in his berthing and work center were considered "close contacts." These 195 people were all batch tested. Of the batch tests (5 samples in 1 test), 4 batches indicated positive. As of 1900 local, I do not have the names/numbers of individual

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positives, but that will be anywhere from 4 to 20 (this will be in addition to the 25 confirmed cases mentioned above). I will send a follow-up later this evening if I receive those results.

On 25 Mar, (b)(6) reported to medical also with influenza-like symptoms. The close contacts for (b)(6) were determined to be only those he lived near in berthing as he was due to transfer last week and turned in his TLD before his plans were changed. None of these close contacts were in Reactor Dept.

Of note, only 1 officer onboard has tested positive, a (b)(6) from ship's company. Additional demographic data can be provided on request.

Way Ahead (as of 1900, 26 Mar):

- Once pierside in Guam, (b)(1) [REDACTED] and attempt to minimize the impact if more Sailors test positive.
- Over the weekend, we will move (b)(1) [REDACTED] off the ship into quarantine. (b)(1) [REDACTED]
- (b)(1) [REDACTED] Any positive or presumed positive case will be removed from the ship and placed in isolation ashore. \*\* Important to note: This option will be executed only if the logistics in Guam can support and the ship is actively engaged with the CO of the base and local husbanding services.
- (b)(1) [REDACTED]
- (b)(1) [REDACTED]

Current mitigations to limit the spread of the virus:

- The off-going supervisory watches (b)(1) [REDACTED] perform a verbal screening of the on-coming watches
- All Sailors and officers are verbally screened at quarters
- Training is suspended for the remainder of the week until we can bound the extent of the spread
- Only essential maintenance (b)(1) [REDACTED] is being performed in the plant to limit contact with personnel in the plant
- All commonly touched surfaces in the plant are disinfected prior to relieving the watch (and more frequently if desired by the watchstander)
- Cleaning of berthings and heads twice a day using the guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control and BUMED
- Grooming standards have been relaxed to support closure of the ship's barber shop

I realize this is a very long email, but hopefully it illustrates that we are managing given the constraints and unknowns. Please understand that the way ahead I discussed above has changed 3 times today in some form, but it is the most likely COA currently.

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If there is additional data that you would like to receive, I can provide that (or at least attempt to provide it).

Very respectfully,

**(b)(6)**

PS.

Some commonly used definitions, in the event you're not familiar:

- Presumed Positive aka Person Under Investigation: Person who has physical symptoms of an influenza-like illness (ILI), such as fever >100F, cough, or sore throat
- Confirmed Case: Person who tests positive for COVID-19, regardless if they show ILI symptoms
- Close Contacts: People who have been within 6 feet of a confirmed case for a period of 10 minutes or more. These people have been placed under restriction of movement.
- Quarantine: The separation of an asymptomatic person who has been potentially exposed to the virus
- Restriction of Movement (ROM): Limiting movement of a person or group to diminish the transmission of the virus; not at limiting as quarantine

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**From:** Crozier, Brett E CAPT USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt  
<**(b)(6)**@cvn71.navy.smil.mil>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 30, 2020 5:38 AM  
**To:** **(b)(6)** CAPT USN COMNAVAIRPAC SAN CA (USA)  
**Cc:** **(b)(6)** CDR USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt; **(b)(6)** CAPT USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt  
**Subject:**  COVID-19 Pandemic - TR request for assistance

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Good morning. I wish I had better news to share with you this morning and I suspect you've seen the email that I sent to the Airboss earlier today.

BLUF: Life onboard the ship and the majority of facilities off ship do not allow for us to follow CDC protocols or NAVADMIN requirements for minimizing the spread of the virus. With only 20% of the crew ashore by COB today, we still have almost 4,000 Sailors onboard. We cannot comply with social distancing while effectively berthing and feeding our Sailors, and performing required watchstanding duties. This inability to comply with established quarantine standards is impacting our ability to stop the spread of the virus throughout the ship, and will eventually impact the Reactor Department more than it already is. The current situation will only get better once we can isolate the crew off ship in true isolation rooms with separate bathroom facilities.

As you already know, we have identified **(b)(1)** (174 personnel) and sent them ashore to begin quarantine, with an additional 60 personnel to be moved ashore today. Of the 174, 20 were sent to quarters where they can reasonably isolate themselves and 154 were sent to gyms that were set up as temporary living facilities. Last night, we were notified that the base has 90 available single-berthing rooms, and I have already directed the movement of off-ship Reactor Department Sailors into these rooms. About 30 will have to remain in the gym. **(b)(1)**

**(b)(1)**

This will be challenging to sustain as more Rx Sailors test positive for COVID-19 (2 have already tested positive today), but it is manageable in the near-term. Achieving a clean ship is the only way we can guarantee the safety of the crew long-term. The only true way to get the ship clean is to:

1. Move off the majority of the crew and air wing, keeping approximately 10% onboard for essential watches – this will limit the opportunity for close contact
2. Disinfect all spaces, leaving them secured after cleaning until the ship can be called virus-free

Unfortunately, Naval Base Guam does not currently have the space available for us to execute the plan above. The base has done a tremendous job with what they do have available, but temporary facilities set up in the gyms are only slightly better than shipboard life. Personnel are able to spread out more, but they are still breathing the same air in the open bays and sharing heads. Yesterday we had a Sailor test positive for COVID-19 in one of the gyms, and the entire group had to restart their 14-day clock. This will happen every time a Sailor in this group of 300+ tests positive for this disease. It also isn't realistic to test every Sailor prior to moving them to these facilities because a negative test cannot

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prove that a Sailor doesn't have the virus. We know this because 7 of the first 33 Sailors with COVID-19 tested negative on their initial test, then started to show symptoms 1-3 days later.

This logistical challenge is endangering the future operations of our ship. (b)(1)  
[REDACTED], especially as we continue to get at least 1 new positive case each day. We can start pulling personnel out of quarantine to replace watchstanders to keep the plant operating, but my fear is that we just keep moving the virus around. We are working at all levels to get the required accommodations, and appreciate all support to get 4000+ people off the ship in to proper quarantine quarters (i.e. single room, no shared head).

Of course, if called up to execute operational tasking, we could recall every one and fight the ship while fighting this disease - and I know we would be successful.

V/r,  
Chopper

CAPT Brett Crozier  
Commanding Officer  
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71)

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**To:** Spedero, Paul C Jr RDML USN USFFC (USA)  
**Cc:** Brown, Richard A VADM USN COMNAVSURFPAC SAN (USA); (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) CDR USN VCNO (USA); (b)(6) CAPT USN NAVY JAG WASH DC (USA);  
 (b)(6) CAPT USN VCNO (USA)  
**Subject:** FW: (U) Updated CSG-15 CTX Brief to C3F for 17 December  
**Attachments:** CSG-15 TR CSG CTX Debrief to CPF (Final) - 20 Dec 2019.pdf  
**Signed By:** (b)(6) @NAVY.SMIL.MIL

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From: Conn, Scott D VADM USN (USA) <(b)(6)@navy.smil.mil>  
 Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:51 PM  
 To: Burke, Robert P ADM USN VCNO (USA) (b)(6)@navy.smil.mil>  
 Cc: Aquilino, John C ADM USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI (USA)  
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Vice Chief, take a look at slides 11-12. Per our phone conversation, the topic is best characterized as how they scored on CCC (slide 11): slightly above average when compared to three previous CSGs. Comments on slide 12 germane:

Goods:

- Strong leadership team with a disciplined, effective battle rhythm and planning processes
- Shared understanding of Commanders' Intent, priorities, and risk acceptance
- Effective management of the Common Operational/Intelligence Picture (COP/CIP)

Others/Recommendations:

- Translate thorough planning efforts to superior watch floor execution
- Exercise ability to effectively establish and maintain emission and signature control during operations to build proficiency
- This strike group has established the foundation of a confident warfighting culture. Continue to build proficiency and challenge the strike group in key capabilities

In my conversations with Dave Welch, the team exhibited disciplined planning and execution processes. There was nothing that "furrowed his brow" in the area we discussed on the phone. Context for the one "other" that is listed

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above: "translate thorough planning efforts to superior watch floor execution," is not that uncommon. I say that from my time at CSG-4 and what Dave Welch reported to me in Dec.

Vr Satan

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VADM Scott D. Conn  
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Admiral,

Pre-deployment readiness and Post-C2X Assessment briefs.

V/R

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(b)(6),

As requested. Please let me know if you need something else.

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From: (b)(6) CAPT USN CCSG-15 (USA)  
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 To: (b)(6) CAPT USN COMTHIRDFLT (USA); (b)(6) CDR USN COMTHIRDFLT (USA); (b)(6) LCDR USN COMTHIRDFLT (USA); (b)(6) CAPT USN COMTHIRDFLT (USA)  
 Cc: Welch, David A RDML USN CCSG-15 (USA); (b)(6) CAPT USN COMCARSTRKGRUFIFTEEN (USA); (b)(6) CAPT USN CCSG-15 (USA); (b)(6) CDR USN (USA); (b)(6) CDR USN (USA); (b)(6) CDR USN COMCARSTRKGRUFIFTEEN (USA); (b)(6) CAPT USN COMCARSTRKGRUFIFTEEN (USA); (b)(6) CAPT USN CCSG-15 (USA); (b)(6) CDR USN (USA); (b)(6)@ttgp.navy.smil.mil; (b)(6)@ttgp.navy.smil.mil; (b)(6) CDR USN CCSG-15 (USA); (b)(6) CAPT USN COMCARSTRKGRUFIFTEEN (USA); (b)(6) LCDR USN COMCARSTRKGRUFIFTEEN (USA); (b)(6) LCDR USN COMCARSTRKGRUFIFTEEN (USA); (b)(6) CDR USN COMNAVAIRSYSCOM PAX (USA); Baker, Stuart P RDML USN CCSG 9 (USA); Baker, Stuart P RDML USN DCNO N3N5 (USA); (b)(6) CAPT USN, CCSG9; (b)(6) LT CCSG 9, n001; (b)(6) LT CCSG 9, n001; (b)(6) CAPT USN COMDESRON 23 (USA); (b)(6) CAPT USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt; (b)(6) LCDR USN COMSIXTHFLT (USA); (b)(6) LCDR USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt; (b)(6) CTR USN COMTHIRDFLT (USA); (b)(6)@ccsg9.navy.smil.mil; (b)(6) CDR USN COMTHIRDFLT (USA)  
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COS (b)(6),

Attached is the updated CSG-15 Brief to C3F for 17 December. Updates include replacement of slide 11 (final assessment results) with updated

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final grade numbers and changes on some of the dates across a few slides to reflect return to port on 16 December.

V/r,

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 10:19 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CIV USN COMPACFLT (USA)  
**Cc:** (b)(6) CAPT USN COMPACFLT N5 (USA); (b)(6) CDR USN, C7F;  
 (b)(6) CDR USN, C7F; (b)(6) LCDR USN, C7F; (b)(6)  
 LCDR USN COMPACFLT N3 (USA); (b)(6) CAPT USN COMPACFLT N30 (USA);  
 (b)(6) LT USN (USA); (b)(6) CIV USN COMPACFLT PEARL HI  
 (USA)  
**Subject:** RE: ~~(C//REL TO USA, VIETNAM)~~ BLUF: COMCARSTRKGRU NINE TO CPF -  
 CONSOLIDATED DA NANG, VIETNAM DIPCLR REQUEST MODIFICATION FOR  
 THEODORE ROOSEVELT, BUNKER HILL, & PINCKNEY  
**Signed By:** (b)(6) @navy.smil.mil

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(b)(6),

We are aligned: based on COM's new travel schedule, N5 concurs with  
 shifting the VNM PVST to 5-9 MAR. Synch'd with C7F N5 TSC this PM.

V/r,

(b)(6)

CAPT (b)(6), USN  
 Head, International Plans & Policy (N51)  
 Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 7, 2020 1:51 PM  
**To:** (b)(6) CAPT USN COMPACFLT N5 (USA)  
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**Cc:** (b)(6) CAPT USN COMPACFLT N5 (USA)  
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 COMPACFLT N30 (USA) (b)(6) @navy.smil.mil>  
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CAPT (b)(6),  
(b)(6),

Request your assist on alignment for VNM pvst.

Believe Mr. [redacted] put out this morning that a carrier pvst was good for 5-9 Mar.

CCSG 9 shot a TRSG VNM pvst dip clr to PACFLT (should have gone to CTF70/C7F). C7F is in the hold pattern looking for alignment.

Many thx.

v/r  
(b)(6)

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From: (b)(6) LCDR USN, C7F  
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Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2020 1:38 PM  
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(b)(6) @navy.smil.mil>  
Cc: (b)(6) CIV USN COMPACFLT (USA) (b)(6) @navy.smil.mil>;  
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Subject: RE: ~~(C//REL TO USA, VIETNAM)~~ BLUF: COMCARSTRKGRU NINE TO CPF - CONSOLIDATED DA NANG, VIETNAM DIPCLR REQUEST MODIFICATION FOR THEODORE ROOSEVELT, BUNKER HILL, & PINCKNEY

(b)(6) - in receipt. Didn't realize it was sent direct to you.

CPF N5 disagrees with the requested date change from Gov't of VNM... so we don't have a clear path yet.

C7F N7, CPF N5, and USDAO are currently working for a consensus.

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(b)(6), LCDR  
C7F FOPS - Surface

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Cc: (b)(6) CIV USN COMPACFLT (USA) (b)(6) @navy.smil.mil>  
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C7F FOPS,

\*\*\*\*HOT! REQUEST ACTION\*\*\*\*

BLUF: Request C7F endorsement via message traffic of CCSG-9 DIPCLR request to VNM.

SITUATION:

1. CPF in receipt of below MOD ONE to attached REF\_A, DIPCLR request from CCSG-9 for a PVST to VNM.
2. Initial request and MOD were not sent through C7F for endorsement.

V/r,

LCDR (b)(6)  
PACFLT N311EX  
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RMKS/1. REF A REQUESTED DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71), USS BUNKER HILL (CG 52), AND USS PINCKNEY (DDG 91) TO VISIT DA NANG, VIETNAM ARRIVING 110800LMAR20 AND DEPARTING 150800LMAR20.

2. REQUEST MODIFY REF A TO REFLECT ARRIVAL 050800LMAR20 AND DEPARTURE 090800LMAR20.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 3, 2019 3:58 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CDR USN, C7F  
**Cc:** (b)(6) COL DIA (US); (b)(6) CDR USN, C7F; (b)(6) Maj DIA USA MIL; (b)(6) MAJ DIA (US)  
**Subject:** RE: (C) CVN to Danang, VNM in Mar 2020 - amplifying info  
**Attachments:** U-449-19 CVN Visit 2020.pdf

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Thanks (b)(6)!

Attached is a copy of the DipNote that we submitted this afternoon. Now it's off to the races (b)(1)

V/r  
(b)(6)  
LCDR, USN  
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To: (b)(6) LCDR DIA (US) (b)(6)@dia.smil.mil>  
Cc: (b)(6) COL DIA (US) (b)(6)@dia.smil.mil>; (b)(6) CDR USN, C7F (b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil>; (b)(6) Maj DIA USA MIL <(b)(6)@dia.smil.mil>  
Subject: (C) CVN to Danang, VNM in Mar 2020 - amplifying info

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(b)(6)

Good afternoon! To assist with your DIPNOTE process for the March 2020 CVN

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visit, here are the ships designated for the visit to Danang.

1. USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71)
2. USS BUNKER HILL (CG-52)
3. USS PINCKNEY (DDG-91)

The dates we have blocked off for the port visit is 11-15 March 2020.

One thing I would request is a copy of the DIPNOTE for our Vietnam database. Please let me know if there is other information you need to complete the DIPNOTE. Thanks!

V/r,

(b)(6)

CDR (b)(6)

COMSEVENTHFLT N51

Bangladesh, Thailand, Vietnam, Hong Kong, China, and Taiwan Theater Security Cooperation Coordinator

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**Cc:** (b)(6) COL DIA (US); (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
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Thanks to you both for looking into this. Once we know what is possible on your end, we can work with our VNM counterparts to figure out how best to proceed. Jerry, yes we would need to resubmit the dip note here, but that's not a big deal on our end.

Vr

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 02, 2020 9:02 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CDR USN, C7F (b)(6) @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>; (b)(6) Maj DIA USA MIL (b)(6) @dia.smil.mil>; (b)(6) LCDR DIA (US) (b)(6) @dia.smil.mil>  
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**Subject:** RE: (C) CVN to Danang, VNM in Mar 2020 - Date Change

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All,  
We will staff this at the FMCB but currently based on SOMs it does not look like 5-9 MAR is supportable for the TR.  
However sliding to the right to after 17 MAR may work. We have a board convening tomorrow, I should know more by Fri COB.

Very Respectfully,

(b)(6)

CDR (b)(6)

Theater Security Cooperation Director, Deputy ACOS for International Strategy and Engagement COMSEVENTHFLT Embarked on (b)(1)

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Please elaborate on the reason for the shift of dates? This was supposed to support the

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(b)(6):

I will need to ask the question on my end and see what is in the art of the possible. I don't know if 5-9 Mar 2020 is supportable at this time. We will get back you. Will we need to modify the DIPNOTE for this visit if 5-9 Mar 2020 is supportable? I know we will need to modify the DIPCLR on our end.

V/r,  
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From: (b)(6) Maj DIA USA MIL [mailto:(b)(6)@dia.smil.mil]  
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To: (b)(6) LCDR DIA (US) (b)(6)@dia.smil.mil;  
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Subject: RE: (C) CVN to Danang, VNM in Mar 2020 - Date Change  
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(b)(6)  
(b)(6) on leave until 10 Jan, so I'll be the poc for this until he returns.

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I just met with FRD, and they requested that we change the date to 5-9 March, or after 17 March. Best option from our perspective would be the 5-9 window. Is this possible on your end?

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(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) LCDR DIA (US) (b)(6) @dia.smil.mil>  
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 3:58 PM  
To: (b)(6) CDR USN, C7F (b)(6) @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>  
Cc: (b)(6) COL DIA (US) (b)(6) @dia.smil.mil>; (b)(6) CDR USN, C7F (b)(6) @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>; (b)(6) Maj DIA USA MIL (b)(6) @dia.smil.mil>; (b)(6) MAJ DIA (US) (b)(6) @dia.smil.mil>  
Subject: RE: (C) CVN to Danang, VNM in Mar 2020 - amplifying info

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Thanks (b)(6)!

Attached is a copy of the DipNote that we submitted this afternoon. Now it's off to the races (b)(1)

V/r

(b)(6)

LCDR, USN  
Naval Attaché to Vietnam (Acting)  
Office: (b)(6)  
Blackberry: (b)(6)  
(b)(6) @state.gov  
NIPR: (b)(6) @dodiiis.mil  
SIPR: (b)(6) @dia.smil.mil  
JWICS: (b)(6) @coe.ic.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CDR USN, C7F (b)(6) @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>  
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 2:17 PM  
To: (b)(6) LCDR DIA (US) (b)(6) @dia.smil.mil>  
Cc: (b)(6) COL DIA (US) (b)(6) @dia.smil.mil>; (b)(6) CDR USN, C7F (b)(6) @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>; (b)(6) Maj DIA USA MIL (b)(6) @dia.smil.mil>  
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(b)(6)

Good afternoon! To assist with your DIPNOTE process for the March 2020 CVN visit, here are the ships designated for the visit to Danang.

1. USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71)
2. USS BUNKER HILL (CG-52)
3. USS PINCKNEY (DDG-91)

The dates we have blocked off for the port visit is 11-15 March 2020.

One thing I would request is a copy of the DIPNOTE for our Vietnam database. Please let me know if there is other information you need to complete the DIPNOTE. Thanks!

V/r,

(b)(6)

CDR (b)(6)  
 COMSEVENTHFLT N51  
 Bangladesh, Thailand, Vietnam, Hong Kong, China, and Taiwan Theater Security  
 Cooperation Coordinator  
 J-Dial: (b)(6)  
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- B. Tuân tra chung với lực lượng an ninh địa phương tại các khu vực tập trung đông thủy thủ.
- C. Trong trường hợp xảy ra sự cố lớn, chúng tôi đề xuất phối hợp điều tra sự cố cùng nhau.
- D. Nhân sự an ninh Hoa Kỳ đề nghị được cử 1-2 người lên xuồng tuần tra an ninh để hỗ trợ định vị các xuồng xung quanh tàu sân bay.
- E. Miễn giảm các hạn chế của Nghị định 104 để cho một xuồng an ninh nhỏ của tàu sân bay được đưa xuống nước nhằm hỗ trợ phối hợp an ninh xung quanh tàu sân bay.
- F. Hợp giao ban an ninh hàng ngày với các nhân sự liên quan vào các buổi sáng trong thời gian chuyển thăm.
- G. Chúng tôi đề xuất Bộ đội Biên phòng thiết lập một vài công kiểm soát ra vào nhằm hỗ trợ hoạt động di chuyển với số lượng thủy thủ đông.
- H. Chúng tôi đề nghị Bộ Quốc phòng và Bộ Công an Việt Nam hỗ trợ thực thi các luật, quy định của Việt Nam về hoạt động bay máy bay không người lái. Chúng tôi đề nghị phối hợp chặt chẽ với các lực lượng an ninh liên quan để đảm bảo không có bất kỳ một máy bay không người lái nào của tư nhân hoặc chính phủ vận hành trong khu vực không gian phía trên hoặc gần các tàu Hải quân Hoa Kỳ trong thời gian neo đậu hoặc hoạt động gần cảng Tiên Sa.
- I. Trong trường hợp có quân nhân Hoa Kỳ phạm tội theo luật Việt Nam, chúng tôi đề nghị nhân sự thực thi pháp luật của Hoa Kỳ được thông báo ngay lập tức và được lựa chọn phương án bắt giữ và truy tố đối tượng vi phạm theo quân luật Hoa Kỳ.

**Hải quan:** Chúng tôi đề nghị được hỗ trợ thủ tục hải quan nhanh chóng để tạm nhập tái xuất trang thiết bị ban nhạc cũng như các trang thiết bị phục vụ ứng phó tình huống khẩn cấp cần thiết đối với hoạt động của Nhóm tác chiến tàu sân bay.

**Báo chí:** Để đảm bảo cấp độ cũng như hình thức truyền tải thông tin tới quần chúng và các cơ quan báo chí tham gia phù hợp trong chuyến thăm này, chúng tôi đề nghị chỉ định một người làm đầu mối phối hợp đại diện cho UBND Tp. Đà Nẵng. Xét đến khả năng có sự quan tâm lớn của các hãng truyền thông quốc tế, chúng tôi cũng đề nghị Bộ Ngoại giao cử đầu mối phối hợp với chúng tôi.

Để hoàn tất công tác chuẩn bị cho chuyến thăm, (b)(6) đề nghị tổ chức các buổi họp cụ thể với các đại diện có (b)(6) Bộ và S (b)(6) Tp. Đà Nẵng trong tuần tới (b)(6) 24/2 tại Đà Nẵng.

Đầu mối liên hệ của sự kiện này là Thiếu tá (b)(6) (Quyền) Tuy viên Hải quân Hoa Kỳ, số điện thoại: (b)(6) hoặc fax (b)(6). Vui lòng liên hệ Thiếu tá (b)(6) nếu quý Cục có bất kỳ câu hỏi nào.

Nhân dịp này, Văn phòng Tuy viên Quốc phòng Hợp chủng quốc Hoa Kỳ tại Hà Nội xin gửi tới Cục Đối ngoại, Bộ Quốc phòng nước Cộng hòa Xã hội Chủ nghĩa Việt Nam lời chào trân trọng nhất.

Trân trọng,

(b)(6)

Đại tá, Lục quân Hoa Kỳ  
Quan chức Quốc phòng Cấp cao  
Tùy viên Quốc phòng

**SECRET****(b)(6)**

**From:** CSG9\_BWC  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 8, 2020 11:59 PM  
**To:** **(b)(6)** LT USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt; **(b)(6)** CDR USN, USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT  
**Subject:** RE: ~~(S)~~ TR sailors' COVID screening

Classification: ~~SECRET~~**(b)(6)**

Please note the additional RFI questions from C7F. Please provide response.

Two follow up questions:

1. Provide number of Sailors affected by command
  - a. USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT - 27

**(b)(6)****(b)(6)**

-These numbers add up to 41, not 39. Why do the numbers not add up to 39? 39 is the number PACFLT has been briefed. Is there an update?

6. Why was the decision made to bring potential Corona virus carriers onboard a vessel that has no known resources available to treat a Corona outbreak, especially if we have reason to believe the Vietnamese medical professionals might have better capability?

- Only individuals who tested NEGATIVE for COVID-19 (Coronavirus) were brought onboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT. Additionally, if any Sailor aboard becomes positively confirmed (or Medical is reasonably certain a Sailor has COVID-19) and the individual is stable to transfer, there will be options available. We could use International SOS, which assists in locating medical resources for active duty members in locations not close to a Military Treatment Facility (MTF) such as Okinawa Naval Hospital.

-If only Sailors who tested NEGATIVE were brought back on board, what did you do with the Sailors who tested POSITIVE? Did all the Sailors test NEGATIVE?

V/r,  
CTF-71 Battle Watch Captain

POTS: **(b)(6)**VOSIP: **(b)(6)**DSN: **(b)(6)**J-Dial: **(b)(6)**

-----Original Message-----

From: **(b)(6)** LT USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt  
 Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 6:01 AM  
 To: CSG9\_BWC

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Cc: (b)(6) LCDR USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt; (b)(6) CAPT USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt; Crozier, Brett E  
CAPT USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt; (b)(6) CAPT USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt; (b)(6) CAPT USN, USS  
Theodore Roosevelt  
Subject: RE: (S) TR sailors' COVID screening

BWC,

Attached you'll find the answers to the questions requested by PACOM BWC.

Very Respectfully,

LT (b)(6)  
Assistant Strike Operations Officer  
USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71)  
(b)(6)@cvn71.navy(.smil).mil  
J-Dial: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: CSG9\_BWC  
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 3:20 AM  
To: (b)(6) LT USN, USS Theodore Roosevelt  
Subject: FW: (S) TR sailors' COVID screening

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(b)(6),

Here is the email chain from C7F BWC.

V/R,  
CWO3 (b)(6)

CTF-71 Battle Watch Captain

POTS: (b)(6)

VOSIP: (b)(6)

DSN: (b)(6)

J-Dial: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: C7F\_BWC [mailto:(b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil]  
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 2:58 AM  
To: CSG9\_BWC  
Cc: C7F\_ABWC  
Subject: RE: (S) TR sailors' COVID screening

Roger, understood. RFI is in the official tool; suspense back to us is  
0000Z so we can review and turn that back to CPF by their suspense of 0100Z.

Very Respectfully,  
LCDR (b)(6)

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COMSEVENTHFLT Battle Watch Captain

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COMM: (b)(6)

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DRSN: (b)(6)

SVOIP: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: CSG9\_BWC [mailto:(b)(6)@ccsg9.navy.smil.mil]

Sent: Sunday, March 08, 2020 7:53 PM

To: C7F\_BWC (b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil&gt;

Subject: RE: (S) TR sailors' COVID screening

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C7F BWC,

Sir, it might take TR a few hours to research the answers to these questions (0250L).

V/R,

CWO3 (b)(6)

CTF-71 Battle Watch Captain

POTS: (b)(6)

VOSIP: (b)(6)

DSN: (b)(6)

J-Dial: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: C7F\_BWC [mailto:(b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil]

Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 2:14 AM

To: CSG9\_BWC

Cc: C7F\_ABWC

Subject: RE: (S) TR sailors' COVID screening

BWC,

As a heads-up, just got off the phone with the CPF BWC and he tells me now the CNO watch team is forwarding along questions regarding this event. I told him he's going to have to generate a formal RFI if that's the case since this looks to now have some higher-up attention on it.

Please start to get answers on the questions I forwarded, but expect us to

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flip an RFI to CTF71 at some point this morning. Thank you.

Very Respectfully,

LCDR (b)(6)  
COMSEVENTHFLT Battle Watch Captain  
NIPR: (b)(6)@lcc19.navy.mil  
SIPR: (b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil  
DSN: (b)(6)  
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TANDBERG: (b)(6)  
DRSN: (b)(6)  
SVOIP: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: C7F\_BWC  
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 3:06 AM  
To: 'CSG9\_BWC' <(b)(6)@ccsg9.navy.smil.mil>  
Cc: C7F\_ABWC <(b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil>  
Subject: FW: (S) TR sailors' COVID screening

BWC,

Some follow-up questions coming directly from ADM Aquilino on the TR sailors that were screened and returned to the ship. Can you take a look below and answer to the best of your team's ability?

Very Respectfully,

LCDR (b)(6)  
COMSEVENTHFLT Battle Watch Captain  
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SIPR: (b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil  
DSN: (b)(6)  
DSN: (b)(6)  
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COMM: (b)(6)  
TANDBERG: (b)(6)  
DRSN: (b)(6)  
SVOIP: (b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: CPF.CATBWC [mailto:(b)(6)@navy.smil.mil]  
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2020 2:56 AM  
To: BWC <(b)(6)@fe.navy.smil.mil>; ABWC <(b)(6)@fe.navy.smil.mil>; BWC (b)(6)@fe.navy.smil.mil; C7F\_BWC <(b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil>; C7F FCCSUP (b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil;

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(b)(6) @lcc19.navy.smil.mil; C7F\_ABWC (b)(6) @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>

Subject: ~~(S)~~ TR sailors' COVID screening

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C7F BWC,

Please ack receipt.

Please report the following, per ADM Aquilino request:

WRT 39x TR sailors in connection with quarantined Da Nang hotel:

- What does the "screening" that the sailors went through entail?
- Report if the sailors were \*tested\* \*explicitly\* for COVID-19.
- What agency conducted the test/screen? (COM understanding that TR does not have COVID \*test\* capability)
- Report if any mitigations are in place for those sailors now that they are back on board TR (further monitoring/testing, quarantine/ROM, etc)

The "so what" is that COM wants to know if there is potential that we have sailors, now asymptomatic carriers onboard a CVN, who were released because they filled out a questionnaire or said that they feel fine, tested negative for other illnesses, etc.

V/R,  
 LT (b)(6)  
 CPF Battle Watch Captain  
 COM (b)(6)  
 DSN (b)(6)  
 DRSN (b)(6)  
 (b)(6) @navy.smil.mil

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**From:** (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 4:33 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil; (b)(6) @ccsg9.navy.smil.mil;  
(b)(6) @mail.smil.mil  
**Cc:** (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil; (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
**Subject:** RE: \*\*\* Urgent \*\*\* - Air Wing Fly Off?  
**Signed By:** (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil

(b)(6) gave me what I need (b)(6), can stand down this one

VR

(b)(6)

CAPT (b)(6)  
Chief of Staff  
SEVENTH Fleet  
Embarked on (b)(1)  
Inport DSN (b)(6)  
VOSIP: (b)(6)  
Inport Commercial: (b)(6)  
At Sea DSN Direct: (b)(6)  
At Sea (Commercial) Direct: (b)(6)  
At Sea BLR Exchange DSN: (b)(6)  
At Sea BLR Exchange (Commercial) (b)(6)  
Tandberg EX-90: (b)(6)  
Mobile (Overseas): (b)(6)  
Mobile in Japan: (b)(6)  
(b)(6) @lcc19.navy.mil

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DSN (b)(6)  
Tandberg: (b)(6)  
(b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil  
(b)(6) @fe.navy.mil

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CENTRIXS K: (b)(6) @pacom.kor.cmil.mil  
CENTRIXS J: (b)(6) @mail.jpn.cmil.mil  
CENTRIXS FVEY: (b)(6) @rel.pacoms.smil.mil  
CENTRIX CMFP: (b)(6) @af.usa.getf-cmfp.cmil.mil

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil [mailto:(b)(6)@fe.navy.smil.mil]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:26 AM

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To: (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F (b)(6) @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>;  
 (b)(6) @ccsg9.navy.smil.mil;  
 (b)(6) @mail.smil.mil  
 Cc: (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil; (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
 (b)(6) @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>  
 Subject: RE: \*\*\* Urgent \*\*\* - Air Wing Fly Off?

(b)(6),

I am going to have to do some homework on this with the AF.

I have cc'ed the 36th Wing Vice Commander, Col (b)(6).

There is significant concern about COVID introduction to the AFB as was the case today with the potential COD.

V/R

(b)(6)

-----Original Message-----

From: (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
 [mailto:(b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil]  
 Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:04 PM  
 To: (b)(6) @ccsg9.navy.smil.mil  
 Cc: (b)(6) CAPT USN NBG (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil>;  
 (b)(6) CAPT USN JRM (b)(6) @fe.navy.smil.mil>; (b)(6)  
 CAPT USN, C7F (b)(6) @lcc19.navy.smil.mil>  
 Subject: \*\*\* Urgent \*\*\* - Air Wing Fly Off?

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(b)(6)

At + 2 hours - approximately 1400 - please provide estimated time it would delay arrival Guam to fly off the Air Wing.

(b)(6) - this is a question for boundary constraints - but would appreciate bringing USAF in contact with CSG-9 - and get a sense of all USAF limitations on letting us do this - if we had to we would be talking robust mitigations on the pilots and their transfers back down to RRN.

Our first position was get the Air Wing into the pool of everyone else - but the practicality of having all the jets grounded on TR pier side makes us look hard at option and timeline.

Thanks.

VR

(b)(6)

CAPT (b)(6)

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At Sea (Commercial) Direct: (b)(6)

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CENTRIXS FVEY: (b)(6) @rel.pacoms.smil.mil

CENTRIX CMFP: (b)(6) @af.usa.getf-cmfp.cmil.mil

**SECRET****(b)(6)**

**From:** (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:06 AM  
**To:** (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F; Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F  
**Subject:** FW: (S) POSITIVE COVID-19 TESTS ON TR (update#3)  
**Signed By:** (b)(6) @c7f.navy.smil.mil

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Am hearing 4 plus 1 NMA at the moment. I believe there is some fog of disease occurring. TR medical not on our 1300 call confirming Anderson not accepting except emergencies until they have a clearer plan.

TR medical in another meeting when we confirmed plan to hold for 24 hours if stable. May be OBE now.  
 Confirming with hospital on NIPR.

V/r

**(b)(6)**

-----Original Message-----

From: Baker, Stuart P RDML USN, CCSG-9  
 [mailto:(b)(6)@ccsg9.navy.smil.mil]  
 Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:53 PM  
 To: Merz, William R. VADM USN, C7F (b)(6)@lcc19.navy.smil.mil>  
 Cc: (b)(6)@navy.smil.mil; (b)(6) CAPT USN, C7F  
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We still have 3 confirmed cases that we are flying off today. Some initial push back from Anderson with the CoD flying in there so we have transitioned to a helo flying direct to the hospital with the 3 pax. (which actually works out better for the small number)

Last night of the 39 batch tests we ran on the Sailors (192 total) in close contact with the first 2 infected Sailors we had 9 positive groups meaning 1-5 people per group were positive = 9-45 of the 192 are positive (4.7-23.4% incidence). This afternoon we will get the results from the 45 possible as well as 5 additional folks that live with victim #3 (our reactor victim). Tonight we'll batch test 198 folks in the reactor department that have been in close contact with said victim #3.

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If mission dictates we will get underway and execute but until then my priority will be to take care of our people.

With regard to the reactor department we have executed the actions below:

## Short Term:

Intent is to contain the virus and maintain sufficient watch standers to safely operate the RX plant.

- Suspended all under instruction watches to minimize the close contact
- Suspended training until further notice; Deep field day in the Rx Training Classroom will occur in the morning (and twice daily for the foreseeable future) so we can have that as a "clean" holding area if needed
- Spray bottles with the bleach solution and rags at every watch station in the plant so that commonly touched surfaces can be cleaned prior to/after watch relief
- Verbal screening of oncoming watch standers for symptoms; any one with symptoms goes straight to medical
- Only essential maintenance is being conducted to limit additional personnel in the plant
- They will be given the FCPO Mess to eat their meals and wear masks when transiting through the ship

## Long Term:

Pier side Guam, intent is to shut down (b)(1), and reduce the number of watch standers to the minimum necessary to operate (b)(1), and (b)(1)

- Based on results of the next couple days of batch testing, we will move those critical watch standers to 'clean' berthing to minimize their exposure.
- Utilize off ship berthing as necessary to isolate 'close contact' Sailors
- Maintenance would continue to meet all scheduled requirements

We continue to work with your staff on lodging ashore (hotel, base barracks, base gym with cots) for Sailors we must isolate and quarantine.

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V/r,  
Studa

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(+ C7F others)

Thanks, Studa - good thoughts.

A few more (need feedback on the last two):

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Talk tomorrow. Nice job on the photo-ex today...

VR,  
Bill

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As discussed in our VTC sir:

- We did not send samples to (b)(1).
- A third Sailor tested positive for COVID-19 tonight, E4 male from reactor (RP division) department.

Due to the number of Sailors in close contact growing we will start doing batch testing in sample sizes of 5. If the test comes back positive we will

test all 5 in that batch.

Near term actions remain the same as we intend to pull into Guam on Friday.

Long term issues we continue to work through:

- At what point does the CVN become the quarantine vessel? In my opinion, at some point the number of close contact cases becomes so large that the CVN becomes the quarantine vessel. Breaking the Sailors into three groups. One, those that test positive for COVID-19 (they go in isolation). Two, those that have symptoms but have not tested positive (quarantine on the barge). Three, those who have no symptoms and have not tested positive but have been in close contact, which at some point could be everyone else (quarantine on CVN).
- SMO is working with your team of experts on when do we get to the desired end state (COVID-19 free) and what metrics are required to have a given level of confidence to claim that.
- CVN CO (Chopper) is working short and long term impacts on reactor plant team, reactor maintenance, training, upcoming MTT and ORSE impacts. Of note

going pier side in Guam allows us to (b)(1)

Lastly we will downgrade to (b)(1)

Then tomorrow morning around 0800 we will relax to normal operations and allow the crew to reach out to their families.

V/r,  
Studa

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Today TR will complete the scheduled RAS. Upon completion of the RAS we will

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- We will MEDEVAC the two infected Sailors to Guam tomorrow via COD.

- Based on recommendations of C7F Medical, TR Medical and Preventive Medicine experts in theater, we will conduct individual testing of personnel in the two Sailors' berthing and work centers (approximately 200 sailors). Doing this in order to get a possible scope of the spread based on that testing.

- Half of the tests will be sent to (b)(1) on a helo this afternoon to load

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share and increase throughput. Anticipate it will take 24 hours for all results to be finalized.

- A Preventive Medicine Officer and Prev Med Tech will be joining us from (b)(1) for an undetermined period of time.

- If the initial batch testing indicates widespread infection, we will screen and batch test Reactor Department. If the initial batch testing does not indicate widespread infection, we will screen Reactor Department personnel, but not batch test.

- We would like to work to get TR pier side in Guam as early as Friday. This would allow us to quarantine personnel in the original two Sailors' berthing's and work centers, as well as other personnel for whom quarantine or isolation is indicated. We will execute initial quarantine procedures out here today.

- To that end, we need the following support from NAVBASE GUAM:

--Either a hotel, berthing barge (250 folks), barracks (90 folks), or tents (450 folks) to quarantine and isolate infected personnel. The initial number is approximately 200, mixed male and female. I assess this number is likely to grow as we identify additional cases or close contacts.

--Worst case TR will prepare and deliver meals to the quarantined and isolated personnel, possibly contract services out.

- Our intent with TR pier side will be to establish and maintain a physical separation between TR personnel and Guam personnel. No face-to-face interaction with anyone not of ship's force. Prevention of spreading infection from TR to Guam will be a priority.

Upon review we have received 16 folks onboard since we left Vietnam via the (b)(1). They arrived 11,12,13 and 14 March. Small numbers and all were screened prior to arrival so we do not expect this is the cause. None were (b)(1), which are the 2 positive cases identified so far.

- Our PA policy will be passive and we will refer queries to the PACFLT PAO.

Once given permission to lift (b)(1) we will make a 1MC announcement to the crew and send a note to Ombudsman before lifting (b)(1) for the crew.

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Standing by for questions and our VTC at 1800.

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VADM Merz, VADM Conn,

BLUF: THEODORE ROOSEVELT had two Sailors test positive for COVID-19 after presenting to medical with ILI. Naval OPREP3 Navy Blue has been released.

The two Sailors are a (b)(1) and a (b)(1)

Both Sailors had been ashore in DaNang, but neither stayed at the (b)(1) nor were they members of the group of 39 Sailors quarantined.

The Sailors reported to medical last night with fever, cough, congestion, chills, headache and body aches, triggering testing. The Sailors are currently isolated in medical and are completing contact screening history. TR has been at sea continuously since departing DaNang 09 March.

The following is our intent moving forward:

1. Finish normal operations today (RAS) and then transit to get within COD range of Guam.
2. Conduct batch testing of Sailors in the same berthing and work centers (approx. 200). As well as the COD det and critical departments (reactor).
3. MEDEVAC the 2 infected Sailors via COD to Guam tomorrow (25MAR) for further medical assistance.
4. Continue to employ all defensive CDC protocols as possible on the CVN.

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5. Coordinate a future port visit pier side in Guam to support isolation of Sailors that were in close contact (berthing barge).

More to follow as we determine: the source, COD flights between Vietnam and present, capability and capacity in Guam, operational impact, CODEP with BLANCO, CVW proficiency, internal messaging.

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Subject: Evening Ops Update and COVID 29 Mar

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BLUF: Ops Update and COVID for 29 Mar below

Change from today's CNO report:

THR: 53 (+7)

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Operations:

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COVID:

Previous plan attached, informed by CDR daily updates and calls. Providing full plan SEPCOR tomorrow – dynamic based on evolving actions/events but basics remain the same.

Two musts for success remain the same:

\* Segregate to quarantine (OFF PLAN) – success requires as fast of a quarantine as possible – LIMFAC is Guam capacity – need to move asymptomatics.

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\* Testing – (b)(1). USMC augments tomorrow. Testing allows fastest separation of positives from quarantine population. Will fly my C-40 until/if we get sample rate to 500 per day to enable the G-5.

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Expect swab deliveries 2 Apr and 9 Apr from DLA.

Sent 300 swabs in by R/W from (b)(1) today to keep moving.

Buying PPE from in town (Singapore and Japan) to augment orders.

\* (b)(1)

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